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Faloma and Maleina Luhk's mother Jermain Quitugua, seated second from left, covers her face as she breaks down in tears during a news briefing that the family arranged at their As Teo residence yesterday afternoon, while her father Elbert Quitugua, seated left, and other relatives, standing, also try to console the girls' great grandmothers Luisa Quitugua and Consolacion Muña. Inset shows the girls' aunt Anicia Tomokane, left, and Kristin San Agustin reading some of the handmade cards of prayers and messages of hope that Hopwood Junior High School students sent to the family.

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Faloma and Maleina Luhk's favorite dolls, stuffed toys, children's story books, and photos neatly arranged on a table covered with white sheets have become a shrine of hope for the family whose tragedy brings them closer than ever.

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Search enters Week 2

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» Law enforcers get support from private sector, civilians

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At a little over 6am yesterday, the disappearance of sisters Faloma and Maleina Luhk entered one full week, with still no word on the fate of the two girls and search efforts reaching a feverish pitch with the arrival of child abduction experts from the FBI.

Members of the FBI Child Abduction Response Deployment Team and support staff immediately went to work yesterday, meeting with local law enforcers at 2:50pm at the Incident Command Post at the Kagman Community Center. The CARD team arrived on

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PSS sees increasing number of students from poor families

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More and more students from low-income families are relying on the Public School System to provide them with not just an education but also a free meal,

prompting PSS to ask for additional assistance from the federal government.

Since 2000, public schools have seen a remarkable increase in the number of enrollees who belong to families living below the low-income poverty guidelines,

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Only 6 testify at 1st hearing on Saipan casino measure

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Only six testified at the first of six public hearings on a local bill legalizing casino gambling on Saipan, and all of them said Tuesday night that they sup-

port the bill's passage, mainly to help save the ailing economy.

There were 10 who signed up on the attendance sheet, but only six gave oral testimonies at the hearing held at the Legislature on Capital Hill.

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Local

Five students bag Chamber's college scholarship awards

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Beginner's luck worked for Marie Fraince Javier, 17, who bagged a college scholarship award in her first bid to apply for one, while her proud mother

Melinda said she felt like she's walking on clouds upon learning of her daughter's success.

"Without trying, you never know what's in it for you," the Marianas High School student said.

Javier, who will be studying

accounting at the University of Guam, was one of the five graduating high school students from three schools who received Saipan Chamber of Commerce scholarship awards during the Chamber's general membership meeting yesterday

at the Saipan World Resort.

Each of the five students received \$2,000, partly funded by the Chamber's signature Corporate Challenge fundraiser on Sunday.

The four other awardees were: Kevin Harvey Bautista of Mount

Carmel School, Alexis Rochelle Hofschneider of Kagman High School, Maria Kristina Balajadia of Mount Carmel School, and Grace Lee also of MHS.

"It's an amazing opportunity," said Bautista, 18, who will be studying political science at

the University of Michigan.

The Mount Carmel School salutatorian said he will return to Saipan after college. "This is my home," he said.

In introducing Bautista to Chamber members and guests at the meeting, Education Committee chair Kanae Quinn quoted fellow member Alex Sablan who was with the scholarship interview committee. Quinn said that Bautista was asked: What current issue has captured your interest the most?

"The economy and the concern he has is that the government is the No. 1 employer in the CNMI and in his observation, the government largely overlooks the importance of the private sector," Quinn quoted Sablan.

Vince Seman, a Chamber member, introduced Alexis Rochelle Hofschneider, president of Kagman High School's chapter of the National Honor Society.

Hofschneider, the daughter of Senate Vice President Jude Hofschneider (R-Tinian), will be attending Georgetown University in Washington, D.C.

"To say that the next recipient is someone who displays great initiative is an even greater understatement. Case in point: because there were no calculus classes offered on her campus, she enrolled in a private school just to take that one class," Seman said.

Seman also introduced Mount Carmel School's Balajadia, who he said epitomizes the principle of perseverance and getting back up each and every time life knocks her down.

Balajadia will be pursuing biology at the University of Washington.

Chamber's Jim Arenovski, meanwhile, introduced MHS' Marie Fraince Javier, who he said gained confidence and honed her leadership skills through her participation in sports whether it be soccer or basketball.

"Considered a role model by her teammates and teachers, this young lady has very good grades and ample volunteer and activities, but also helps other teammates keep up their grade. The true sign of a teammate," Arenovski said of Javier.

Chamber executive director Richard Pierce, meanwhile, introduced Mount Carmel School's Grace Lee, who will be attending Emory University in Atlanta.

"Two of her Advance Placement teachers have common words to describe her, such as 'brilliant, incredibly determined, honest, of excellent character and academic skills, and outstanding performance both independently and in groups,'" Pierce said.



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Five graduating high school students who are recipients of the Saipan Chamber of Commerce's college scholarship pose with members of the Chamber's Education Committee led by its chair, Kanae Quinn, during the business organization's general membership meeting at the Saipan World Resort in Susupe yesterday.

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SCC's Brennan: Delay in worker regulations 'getting ridiculous'

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Saipan Chamber of Commerce president Douglas Brennan said yesterday that the delay in the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's issuance of the transitional worker regulations is "getting ridiculous," less than six months before Nov. 28, 2011.

"It's causing uncertainty. Workers don't know if they're going to stay here or not. It's

putting the brakes on the economy," Brennan said in an interview at the Chamber of Commerce's general membership meeting at the Saipan World Resort in Susupe.

Brennan said a spokesperson for DHS recently told them that the DHS regulations "will be released when the regulations are released."

"We're going on almost two years' delay on this. We were promised on a certain date, it didn't come out, then another

date, didn't come out again. We got six months to go," he added.

In his message to fellow Chamber members, Brennan said the umbrella permits that the CNMI Department of Labor issued will be invalid some six months from today "and we still have no idea when the CW [Commonwealth-only worker] regulations to be used until the transitional period expires in November 2014 will be issued."

"We have absolutely no idea what will happen to our businesses, let alone a very large portion of our employees that may well not qualify for eventual employment through U.S. work visas, until we can see those regulations, make plans based upon their content, budget for implementation of whatever we end up with, and try to make ends meet with what will surely be another increase in the cost of doing business. This is getting ridiculous," he said.

A team of congressional staffers visited Saipan last month,

Fitial warned of possible closure of private schools

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Members of the Coalition of CNMI Private Schools warned Gov. Benigno R. Fitial of the possible closure of private schools if he signs into law a measure that would suspend the education tax credit program.

In a letter signed by coalition officers and members, they said the enactment of Senate Bill 17-68 would lead to financial and enrollment challenges for private schools that could eventually lead to closures next school year.

The Public School System and the government, whose resources are already stretched to the limit, will eventually be burdened with the influx of students from private schools, they added.

Saipan Tribune learned that 1,506 students are currently enrolled in 13 private schools this school year. The coalition said that if these students are retained in private schools, it will save the government \$2,566 per student. If these enrollees transfer to public schools, it will cost the government about \$9.2 million per annum to educate them.

"The private schools gravely need the education tax credit as additional revenue to meet their operational costs that are not otherwise covered by revenue collected from tuition and fees. In order for private schools to sustain their existence, most especially during these difficult economic times, they need ETC

in order for families to afford a private school education," the coalition stated in their petition.

ETC helps sustain their current tuition and fees and assists public schools in diminishing further overcrowding, thus reducing health and safety concerns of all students, they said.

Senate Bill 17-68 is currently sitting on the governor's desk.

talking about a hearing in Washington, D.C. sometime in the summer on the implementation of the federalization law.

Some community members hope that DHS won't wait for this hearing before it issues the regulations.

Brennan also said many CNMI companies have already applied for and been granted H-1 visas.

"Trouble was, and still is, there's been very little work accomplished in surveying and establishing prevailing wage rates here in the CNMI," he said.

Brennan, who is also the gen-

eral manager of Microl Corp., said companies with employees already issued their work visas had had to use mainland U.S., Hawaii, and Guam prevailing wage rates because none exist in the CNMI.

He said the Chamber, the largest business organization with some 150 members, wants to assist in the prevailing wage survey work.

"After all, it is the very CNMI businesses that must be surveyed, supply timely data and answer any and all questions prior to any prevailing wage rates being determined so busi-

nesses can be afforded reasonable labor costs, not those much higher in Seattle, Honolulu, or Hagatña," he added.

U.S. Interior's Assistant Secretary for Insular Affairs Tony Babauta said Friday that there is still no telling when DHS will issue its worker regulations, even as Gov. Benigno R. Fitial also recently said DHS could issue them by May or June.

The DHS worker regulations will provide a system for alien workers employed in the CNMI, who are not eligible for any other federal employment-based visa, to keep working in the CNMI during the five-year transition period ending on Dec. 31, 2014.



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HEARING*From Page 1*

One of the 10 attendees, John Aguon, marked that he is not in favor of the local casino bill, but did not give an oral testimony.

The Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation's committees on Ways and Means and Judiciary and Governmental Operations, which jointly held the hearing, were hoping for a larger crowd but were not disappointed with the low turnout.

"It's only the first of six public hearings scheduled. It's too soon to make a judgment on people's wishes," said Rep. Ray Yumul (R-Saipan), chairman of the delegation's Ways and Means Committee.

Tonight is the second public hearing, starting at 6pm, at Garapan Elementary School.

Those who testified, including Juan C. Reyes, said the CNMI economy is "sick," and needs to be "cured" by diversifying and growing the economy.

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according to PSS federal programs officer Tim Thornburgh yesterday.

From just 39 percent in 2000, Thornburgh said the percentage of students 5 to 7 years old who belong to families below the low-income threshold has jumped to 65 percent in 2011. This information was derived from the records of the PSS' breakfast and lunch program, which provides free meals to public school students.

With "more and more poor students" going to public schools, Thornburgh said PSS is seeking higher financial assistance from the federal government through a recalculation of educational grants—from the present one quarter of 1 percent to one half of 1 percent for insular areas.

At present, PSS receives \$8.6 mil-

"If casinos are what it takes to revive the economy, by all means, let's have it," said another individual, Joaquin Atalig.

He and others spoke of jobs that will be created and the medical, retirement, and scholarship programs that will be funded.

Others who testified in favor of the local casino bill were former Senate president Juan Demapan, executive assistant for indigenous affairs Ignacio "Ike" Demapan who testified as a private citizen, Jose Rios, and former House speaker Pedro R. Deleon Guerrero, who talked about the constitutionality of the bill.

Rep. Joseph Palacios (R-Saipan), chairman of the delegation's JGO Committee, cited two possible factors for the low turnout: the preoccupation with the ongoing search for the two missing sisters from As Teo and the venue of the public hearing.

Rep. Stanley Torres (Ind-Saipan), author of the local casino bill, said it should be noted that all who testified

favor his House Local Bill 17-44.

He said once Saipan casinos are operational, Rota and Tinian will also benefit. He said one of those who testified, Joaquin Atalig, is a businessman from Rota.

Torres reiterated that besides the business gross revenue tax and other multiplier effects, his bill will help the scholarship, medical referral, and the NMI Retirement Fund, among other things.

With the exception of the Office of the Governor, which was represented by one staffer on Tuesday night, no other witnesses invited to testify were present. But the committees said there are still five public hearings that they can attend.

Dr. Jack Angello submitted a written testimony not as Torres' consultant but as a retired educator on Saipan, in support of the casino bill.

Angello said he arrived on Saipan in 1978 with a small bag of clothes, his bachelor's degree stuck in his carpenter's bag, and about \$22 in his pocket. His friends in Los Angeles

said, adding that PSS will continue to push for more federal funds for the CNMI.

"Right now, we consolidate [our 14 mini-grants] under Title V rules because it gives us flexibility. But we've been told that that ability expires end of this year as a result of no more funding for Title V appropriation. This means we need to shift to another title and we're looking at Title I because it is very attractive due to potential substantial increase in funding...but that increase is either through reauthorization [NCLB] or using the census 2010 numbers," he explained.

Thornburgh said the potential increase in funding ranges from \$3 million to \$9 million.

He said CNMI Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan is helping PSS push for the initiatives to happen for CNMI students next school year.

lion consolidated grants under Title V, based upon the 2000 Census numbers of children ages 5-17 that are from families with incomes below the federal poverty guideline.

PSS is looking into shifting to Title I grant, which Thornburgh described as "very attractive due to potential substantial increase in funding."

However, this may only happen with the reauthorization of the No Child Left Behind Act—which remains pending in Congress—and by using the 2010 Census data for insular areas.

Thornburgh admitted that this may not happen soon for PSS. Despite recent efforts and meetings by PSS officials with U.S. officials and lawmakers, negotiations are still in the "developmental stage," he said.

"If these will not be acted in August, this might take awhile or until next election. This means, it will not come to us until a year or two perhaps," he

back tears at the briefing. In between sobs, she thanked everyone who has been and will be helping in the search for her daughters aged 9 and 10.

"I want to say thank you to everybody that's been helping in everything and anything. Please help me find my girls and bring them home safe," Jermain Quitugua said, crying.

Jermain and Tomokane were joined at the briefing by other family members, including the missing girls' grandfather and custodian Elbert Quitugua and his wife Jane; the girls' great grandmother Luisa B. Quitugua, 80, and her sisters Consolacion, 86, and Josepha, 74; Florence Kirby; Becky Cruz; and the girls' other aunts and uncles.

The relatives appealed for help and thanked the community and law enforcement agencies in different languages, trying to capture a larger crowd through the media. They spoke in English, Chamorro, Carolinian, and Tagalog.

5-digit monetary reward

The girls' grandfather and custodian, Elbert Quitugua, said the family will soon announce a five-digit monetary reward to help locate his granddaughters who were last seen near a bus stop shortly after 6am on May 25.

This means that the reward will be a "minimum" of \$10,000. The CNMI Crime Stoppers and other businesses

have also offered up to \$1,000 rewards.

"It's a huge reward. ...This is for anybody who leads us in finding our two children," Elbert told reporters.

He said the family is still communicating with a lawyer on how to go about announcing the monetary reward, which he said is from an "anonymous" donor.

Relatives, friends, and community members were seen both arriving and leaving the Quitugua family residence in As Teo at the time of the news briefing.

Prior to that, a group of Federal Bureau of Investigation agents were seen talking to the grandfather, who also showed the agents some of the relatives' houses in the vicinity.

At the briefing, Elbert reiterated that federal agents did not summon him, his wife Jane, and his daughter Jermain on Tuesday. He said they voluntarily went to the authorities to help.

Tomokane, for her part, said the family is not privy to the information so far gathered by the Department of Public Safety, the FBI, and other law enforcers.

She and other family members said they're thankful for DPS, the FBI, other law enforcers and other community members who have been volunteering their time and effort in helping to locate the two girls.

at the time said he was "taking a big gamble."

In his written testimony, he said gambling in life is a daily undertaking for everyone who is trying to survive in a world of never-ending socio-economic challenges.

"Gambling is all around us on Saipan, from the philosophical sense of life's island gambles, to the organized gambling at Church bingo, the cockfighting events, the poker establishments, Las Vegas Nights, and the other forms of social gambling with card games, sports betting pools, continuous raffles and fundraisers, and so on," he said. "All this being said, isn't it logical to promote Saipan as a gambling destination on a grander scale?"

Angello said there are worries that prostitution will come with casino gambling, but he pointed out that prostitution "is all over the island."

He said there are also worries about a surge in crime but "a very poor economy is one of the biggest causes of crime, and we do have too many tourists and residents being

robbed on a regular basis."

Angello also said casinos will mostly cater to off-island gamblers and enforcement of players' codes.

"Another worry is organized crime will come with casino gambling. However, we have problems with organized crime in back buildings and concealed places on Saipan today, although the high-profile casinos will probably be under the constant scrutiny of the FBI and other casino enforcement agencies," he said.

Lastly, Angello said as a former altar boy for St. Ferdinand's Church in San Fernando, California, he said he believes that the Church and other religious organizations "really don't mind gambling if properly regulated, like their own church bingo and church raffles."

JGO Committee chair Palacios expects more people to show up at the next five public hearings.

The other dates are: June 8 at Dandan Elementary School; June 10 at Kagman Elementary School; and June 13 at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe.

About Ruhtic

Saipan Tribune learned that Ruhtic Luhk resigned as a police officer several years ago, then worked as a corrections officer at the Department of Corrections, where Jermain Quitugua was also then a corrections officer.

According to court records, the Office of the Attorney General filed two criminal cases against Ruhtic Luhk in 2000 and 2005, but the cases were subsequently dismissed.

In the 2000 case, Ruhtic Luhk and three other persons were charged with two counts of assault and battery for beating up Maria Neth and MacFleen James Paul on Dec. 28, 1999.

Another assault and battery count was filed against Luhk for allegedly beating up Norlynn Paulus that same day.

In 2002, the Superior Court dismissed the case against Ruhtic Luhk after then assistant attorney general Elaine Paplos moved to drop the charges because the defendant had been previously accepted for participation in the CNMI Adult Diversion Program and has completed the requirements.

In 2005, the OAG charged Luhk with assault and battery for allegedly beating up Susan Cruz on Aug. 20, 2005. The case was dismissed in 2006.

Donation

Bridge Capital LLC on Tuesday donated \$500 to the search teams, through the CNMI Women's Association headed by Susana B. Deleon Guerrero.

Bridge Capital counsel Daniel C. Stafford said the CNMI Women's Association has played an important role in the rescue mission by providing much of the sustenance—snacks, meals, and water—that allows the volunteers and government workers to persevere in their efforts.

"Selfless members of the community have labored through jungles, combed beaches, and gone door to door in search of Faloma and Maleina Luhk," Stafford said.

As the search continues, the need for food and monetary donations increases. Stafford said that Bridge Capital is encouraging other businesses and individuals to contribute.

"For more information on the specific needs of the volunteer command post, donors can call the Volunteer Hotline at 287-5505," he said.

TRAGEDY*From Page 1*

"We plea for help in finding Faloma and Maleina. And we thank everyone for helping us and praying for the girls and the family," said their aunt, Anicia Tomokane, at a news briefing that the family arranged at their As Teo residence yesterday afternoon.

If there's one thing that has come out of the tragedy, it's bringing the family closer together, she said.

The family's grief and hopes are also shared by an island community who has never seen such a massive search operation launched by local and federal law enforcement agencies, helped by hundreds of volunteers.

Handmade cards from Hopwood Junior High School students and from students of Kagman Elementary School where the two girls attend are also filled with messages of hope, prayers, and solidarity with the family.

"I have been praying every night before I sleep. In my prayer, I've been mentioning Faloma and Maleina. Hoping and praying for their safe return. God bless," reads one of the cards, sent by Hopwood's Truman Shiro.

The colorful cards are strung out in front of the family house in As Teo.

Jermain Quitugua, the mother of Faloma and Maleina, couldn't hold

The cast and crew of *Zero to Hero* pose for the camera during the film's premiere at Hollywood Theatres last week.

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Movie tickets for 'Zero to Hero' premiere sold out

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A local film production titled *Zero to Hero* that was helmed by members of the Mount Carmel School Theatre Club was a hit during its premiere at Hollywood Theaters on May 25, with tickets sold out for the two screenings.

The show's producer and director, Galvin Deleon Guerrero, expressed satisfaction with the turnout.

"The turnout for the shows was awesome! We almost sold out the 4pm show—150 out of the 204 seats—and definitely sold out the 7pm show to a standing room-only audience," he told *Saipan Tribune*.

Tickets to the movie were \$5 per person.

For both shows, all audience members stayed until the end of the closing credits, which Deleon Guerrero said is rare for any film.

He said the funds generated from the movie will be primarily used to cover the production costs of the film, and as a little bit of seed money for the club's future productions.

The audience loved the show and the cast and crew members were overjoyed by the crowd's reaction. People laughed, people cheered, and some people even cried. In fact, there's so much buzz

about the show that there's talk of encore showings," said Deleon Guerrero. "We'll see."

"It was an honor and a privilege to work with them," he added.

Club members gave special thanks to Willy Torres and Hollywood Theaters for supporting them in their work.

Zero to Hero is a teenage romantic comedy and is the group's first production for the year and the second for the club. It involved about 40 cast and crew of the school's theater group. Production began in January.

The movie features Victor Cabrera as Zero—a geek who tries to snag a date with the prom queen, Amanda Diamond, played by Janelle Revilla, by running for prom king. With help of his friends Cicero, played by John Edward Elenzano, and Diana, played by Mae Nakajima, Zero rallies the geeks, freaks, nerds, and misfits of his campus behind him in a campaign against Richard Richards, played by Kevin Bautista.

The production's associate producers included Joseph Taijeron and Velma Deleon Guerrero. Technical director is Lourence Camacho; production designer is Alyssia Ashley Olarte; unit production manager is Victoria Camacho; and first assistant director is Brittany Yamagata.



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'Failure to address MHS issues prompted House committee to step in'

House Committee on Education chair Rep. Raymond Palacios denied yesterday that the panel wants to micromanage the operations of Marianas High School, saying that a public hearing it plans to hold is a result of the "Public School System's failure to address the issues at MHS."

Palacios said that Friday's public hearing at the House of Representatives chamber on Capital Hill is an opportunity for all involved to speak out and be heard.

The committee has invited all

MHS administrators, teachers, and staffers to testify on several issues that had been raised against school principal Craig Garrison. The committee has also invited Education Commissioner Rita A. Sablan and human resource officer Charlie Kenty to testify.

Palacios denied Garrison's assertion that the public hearing is a waste of the public's money and time.

"Our purpose is to find out if these claims are erroneous and

misleading information. This is also to ensure that retaliation and repercussion will not take place as a result of this democratic process in airing complaints and grievances," he said.

Sablan was not available for comment when visited and contacted yesterday at her office.

Palacios admitted that the hearing/investigation was in response to the complaint of MHS teacher James Yangetmai, who led a four-day protest against Garrison in April.

"We believe that this has not been resolved...because we didn't hear anything from the PSS or the commissioner of education. It's only fair that we entertain this in the committee level to seek the truth," said Palacios.

Whatever comes out of the meeting, Palacios said, will be submitted to PSS and the Board of Education in the form of "recommendations."

"But definitely, we are not going to make a decision on this matter. We're talking about our

Man'amko pool resources to expand raffle draw prizes

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REPORTER

Prize donations poured in from the congregates themselves as they held the 2011 Man'amko King and Queen Fundraising Raffle Draw at the Aging Center yesterday morning.

Teresita Sorroza, Saipan Seniors Advisory Council chair, said they only had two prizes for the raffle draw: the baby grand prize of \$250 and the grand prize of \$500.

Aging Office program coordinator Walter Manglona said they sent out several solicitation letters to different private companies "to no avail."

The raffle draw culminates the celebration of Older Americans Month/Mes Man'amko/Maramal Tuifsey in May.

Right before the actual draw,

some of the seniors at the Aging Center pledged donations, ranging from candies to jewelry, for the raffle draw.

They were Darlene Cabrera, who donated a gold necklace with pendant and a flower plant; Sorroza, a brand new juicer and three brand new shirts; Remy Bowie, a sterling silver bracelet; Felisa Basa, a bag of candies; Teddy Guiao, a surprise gift; Bonita Cepeda, three 14k gold rings; Manglona, his latest CD; Siyau Muña, a live pig; treasurer Christiana Michael, a rice cooker; vice chair Jose Torres, a portable stove; and Meryalen Conrad, brand new men's pants and shirt as well as ladies' dress and blouse.

"We started with only two major prizes but we ended up with a lot of consolation prizes," Sorroza told *Saipan*

Tribune. "The man'amko were very generous. Everybody was happy. The activity was a great success."

Nini Taitano, who holds ticket

grand prize of \$500.

Manglona said they will be calling the winners to inform them about their prizes. However, prizes that are not claimed in the

Other winners were:

Vany Andonius	No. 00433	Surprise gift
Florencia Gacutan	No. 00024	Bag of candies
Frances Arriola	No. 02316	Ladies' dress and blouse
JJDS	No. 08145	Men's pants and shirt
Meryalen Conrad	No. 03670	3 brand new shirts
Siyau Muna	No. 01304	Flower plant
Magdalena Romo	No. 02149	1 live pig
Jolina Epison	No. 04307	Portable stove
Bernice	No. 01768	Rice cooker
Ellena Sutton	No. 04481	Juicer
Erlinda Sinaures	No. 04574	Silver bracelet
Meryalen Conrad	No. 06090	3 gold rings
Abe Utu Malae	No. 03138	Walter Manglona's latest CD

No. 08541, won the baby grand prize of \$250. Emily Marcelo, who holds ticket No. 04673 and sold by Pacita Angeles, won the

next two weeks will be forfeited and raffled off to the congregates.

For more information, call 233-1320 or 21.

children's education here and with four days of protest...micromanagement is no longer an issue here. PSS was given the chance to step in, but the commissioner did not do that...so we step in," he said.

When an issue is brought to the committee's attention by the people affected and involved—"who are the taxpayers themselves"—Palacios said their action cannot be considered a

waste of money and time.

He disclosed that this early, two MHS teachers have already provided testimonies ahead of the hearing. He also vowed that "personal issues" raised against Garrison will not be included in the hearing agenda.

At this point, Palacios admits to having doubts whether Garrison rendered a sound decision on Yangetmai's complaints when the principal himself was the subject of the employee's grievance. (*Moneth G. Deposa*)

DYS lends a hand with shirt donation to the Flame Tree Festival organizers

Thanks to the generous donation of the Division of Youth Services, the Commonwealth Council for Arts and Culture board members and the 30th Flame Tree Arts Festival Committee members will be wearing festival shirts.

"They donated 250 white shirts with the Flame Tree and DYS logos printed on them," said overall committee chair Parker Y. Yobei. "The Committee and Arts Council board members will be seen wearing these shirts during the festival to easily identify them in the crowd."

Arts Council executive director Angel S. Hocog expressed his appreciation to DYS, especially to its new director, Laura T. Ogomoro.

"Our off-island delegates will also be given these shirts for them to wear," added Hocog.

He said the festival commit-

tee will also sell separate souvenir T-shirts in different sizes and prices at this year's festivities.

Small to large-sized shirts will be sold for \$12 while the extra large and double extra large shirts will be sold for \$13.

Raffle tickets will also be sold at \$1 per ticket. Exciting prizes like IT&E phones and roundtrip tickets to the U.S. courtesy of Delta Air Lines await lucky winners.

"The selling of the shirts and raffle tickets will help raise funds to cover some of the costs to be incurred for the festival," Hocog said. "We encourage the community to buy their very own souvenir shirts and raffle tickets to support the 30th Annual Flame Tree Arts Festival."

This year's festival will be held from June 9 to 12 at the American Memorial Park in Garapan. (*Clarissa V. David*)

Join us this SATURDAY morning, JUNE 4, for a fun-filled walk with PSS!

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Registration Information:

- Saipan:** 5:30 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. – 13 Fishermen Pavilion
- Tinian:** 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. – Tachog'na Beach
- Rota:** 6:30 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. – Joaquin M. Ogo Softball Field

Notice of Commonwealth Zoning Board Public Hearing For House Local Bill 17-26 (Section 3)

The public is invited to attend and provide comments at a Zoning Board public hearing on this rezoning proposal. House Local Bill 17-26, Section 3, would rezone all properties that border most major paved thoroughfares 600 feet from the centerlines on either side of such streets as "Mixed Commercial". Roads affected by this rezoning proposal include;

Afetna Road	Flame Tree Road
As Gonno Road	Isa Drive
As Perdido Road	Kagman Road
Beach Road	Koblerville Road
Chalan Msgr. Guerrero Road	Naftan Road
Chalan Msgr. Martinez Road	Navy Hill Road
Chalan Pale Arnold Road	Sugar King Road
Chalan Santa Lourdes Road	Texas Road
Chalan Talafofo Road	Tun Herman Pan Road
Chalan Tun Thomas P. Sablan Road	Tun Kiyoshi Road
Dandan Road	

Date: June 30th, 2011 (Thursday)

Time: 6:00pm

Place: Zoning Office, 2nd Floor, Joeten Dandan Building, Saipan.

Properties already zoned as "Mixed Commercial" or "Industrial" would not be affected. A map of the proposed rezoning is available as a free download at www.zoning.gov.mp.

For questions or access to materials to be considered at the public hearing, or if you require assistance, please contact Douglas Wyatt, at 234-9661. This notice is provided pursuant to Public Law 6-32, as amended (2 CMC 7201, et seq. & Division 3 of Title 10 CMC).

/s/ Diego Blanco, Board Chairman

Fewer slots in this year's summer youth jobs program

By CLARISSA V. DAVID
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REPORTER

The number of students and out-of-school youth that could benefit from the Summer Youth Employment Training Program of the Workforce Investment Agency will be reduced this year.

From 800 participants last year, WIA expects to accommodate about 300 students for the

NMC submits supplemental report to accreditation body

By MONETH G. DEPOSA
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REPORTER

The Northern Marianas College turned in Tuesday a supplemental report that aims to validate the contents of its show-cause report submitted to the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges in March.

In a statement, the college said the supplemental report presents evidence of NMC's continuing and sustainable efforts to comply with the accrediting commission's eligibility requirements and standards. The college said the report was developed with input and participation from the college community.

NMC refused to elaborate on the content or highlights of the report, citing the ACCJC's confidentiality policy. It assured that the supplemental report will be made available on the college's website once the commission indicates that it may do so.

Board of Regents chair Juan Lizama and interim president

Diabetes forum on Rota draws crowd

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REPORTER

A total of 110 residents of Sinalao and Songsong Villages on Rota took part in the third CNMI-Wide Diabetes Health Community Forum: Highway to Better Health held at the Mayor's Office on May 19.

Organized by the Commonwealth Diabetes Coalition in collaboration with the Diabetes Prevention and Control Program of the Department of Public Health and the Ayuda Network, the event was part of a six-part series of community-wide forums that aims to educate the public about diabetes health and prevention.

The goal of the community-wide forums is to involve the "taro roots" to address the need for systems changes, and combat the prevalence of diabetes, non-communicable diseases, obesity, cancer, and poor health lifestyle choices in high-risk populations through targeted social and behavioral strategies.

"The participants were very active in the group discussions and activities," said Vinycia Seman, Coalition Education and Outreach Committee chair.

training program this summer.

"Funding is a major consideration," case manager Frances A. Torres told *Saipan Tribune*. "Last year's ARRA funding allowed us to accommodate more students into the program."

The Summer Youth Employment Training Program, which is open to all youth both in and out of school from 14 to 21 years old, aims to provide the young and future CNMI work-

force the opportunity to gain a meaningful work experience.

"The program helps the youth to get exposed to the workforce and help them in their job exploration," added Torres.

Torres noted that this year's program will have two phases. The first phase, which covers Saipan, Tinian, and Rota, will be from July 11 to Aug. 5. The second phase, which will be of-

fered only on Saipan, is from Aug. 2 to Sept. 2.

She said the agency has already invited other government agencies and private companies to participate in the summer training program.

Torres said registration for the program is already open. Application forms may be picked up at the WIA office located at Bldg No. 1215 in Capitol Hill or

downloaded from their website at www.wia.gov.mp.

Application forms, Torres said, should be submitted with other documents such as Social Security card, police clearance, check stubs, and ID cards. The list of all required documents can be found at the website or from the application form, she added. Deadline for filing of application is on June 30.

"We encourage everyone to get their applications early and try to meet the deadline. We won't make any exceptions if you're past the deadline," she said.

Once the processing of applications is finalized, Torres said participants will be asked to attend a work readiness workshop before they start their work assignment in their respective company or agency.

For more information, visit their website or call 664-1708.

Office on Aging or during the public hearing. The comment period ends on June 30, 2011. For more information call the Office on Aging.

If you have special needs due to disability, contact the Office on Aging at (670) 233-1320/21/22, voice/TTY, at least four days prior to the scheduled meeting. (DCCA)

Public hearing on State Plan on Aging

The Office on Aging is inviting the public to comment on the proposed CNMI State Plan on Aging for 2012-2015 in writing or by participating in the public hearing scheduled for that purpose.

The public hearing will be held on June 15, 2011, from

10am to 12pm at the Office on Aging's conference room. A copy of the proposed state plan will be available at the Office on Aging on June 15, 2011. A copy of the proposed plan will be mailed to any person who requests a copy, and pays in ad-

vance for the copy and postage. Request may be made in writing to the Office of Aging, P.O. Box 502178 Saipan MP 96950 (670) 233-1320/21/22. Anyone wishing to comment on the document in writing may do so by submitting testimony to the



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Inouye: US, Japan to decide soon on Marine base

TOKYO (AP)—U.S. Sen. Daniel Inouye said Tuesday he expects the fate of a contentious American Marine base in southern Japan will be decided next month.

U.S. and Japanese foreign and defense ministers are to meet in late June to decide what to do with the Marine Corps Air Station Futenma, which is supposed to be moved to a less populated part of Okinawa under a 2006 agreement. Local residents, however, say it should be moved off the island.

Inouye, who is chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee, downplayed a letter written by three colleagues earlier this month that called for a reevaluation.

Senators John McCain, Carl Levin and Jim Webb said the Defense Department should rethink its overall plan to restructure American forces in East Asia, calling it "unrealistic, unworkable, and unaffordable."

The senators said the agreement, aimed at decreasing America's military footprint in Japan, imposes an enormous financial burden on Tokyo as it recovers from a major earthquake. They offered alternatives they said would save billions of dollars but still keep U.S. military forces in the region.

Inouye said the letter expressed concern about Japan's ability to "bear their load" amid the disaster.

"We have been assured by the Japanese government that yes they can," Inouye told reporters in Tokyo. "I think both governments agree that American presence is necessary and desired."

He said U.S. forces are critical for balancing a rising China, which is bolstering its military might. If Americans left, Japan

Auditors question US military plans in east Asia

By MATTHEW PENNINGTON
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON (AP)—Multibillion dollar plans to restructure U.S. military forces in east Asia lack crucial cost information and analysis of alternatives, congressional auditors say, raising new doubts over their affordability.

Three influential senators said Thursday the study by the nonpartisan Government Accountability Office lends weight to their call for the Defense Department to review its plans to realign forces in Japan, South Korea and Guam.

The study estimates more than \$27 billion is required to realign military bases on the southern Japanese island of Okinawa and the Pacific territory of Guam, which is considerably higher than initial projections. It also concludes that an initiative to extend the tour length of military personnel in South Korea while authorizing family members to accompany them could cost \$5 billion by 2020.

"Certain projects in Korea, Japan and Guam have gotten to the point that it is clearly in the best interests of our countries, and in the best interests of sustaining and furthering our strong alliances, to re-examine these plans and adjust them to fiscal, political and strategic realities," said Carl Levin, chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee.

The Democratic senator

made the comment in a joint statement with Sen. John McCain, the committee's ranking Republican, and Democratic Sen. Jim Webb.

Earlier this month, the three lawmakers warned that current realignment plans for East Asia were "unrealistic, unworkable, and unaffordable." They offered alternatives they say would save billions but still keep U.S. military forces in the region.

The accountability office's report, published Wednesday, describes the Defense Department's plans as the largest transformation of military posture in the Pacific region since the end of World War II.

It says the plans will affect tens of thousands of military personnel and their families and require the construction of hundreds of new facilities and more than 3,500 housing units.

The most contentious plan is aimed at reducing the footprint of U.S. forces in Okinawa, where many islanders oppose the military's presence.

Japan's previous prime minister, Yukio Hatoyama, was forced to resign last year after failing to get Marines off the island altogether.

Both the Defense Department and Japan's government have reaffirmed the plan, due for completion by 2014, but expectation is growing they at least will have to push back the date.

would have to increase its military strength, he said.

"One can be assured that if this ever happens, nations in the neighborhood will do the same," he said. "And if there's an arms race in this area, you can almost conclude, because history has given us this lesson many times over, there will be bloodshed."

Okinawans have long complained about pollution, noise, crime and other problems associated with U.S. military bases on the island, which hosts more than half the 47,000 U.S. troops in Japan. The previous prime minister, Yukio Hatoyama, was forced to resign last year after promising and failing to get the Marine base off the island altogether.

Under the 2006 agreement, the Futenma base, located in a heavily populated southern part of Okinawa, would be closed and its air operations relocated to Camp Schwab in the north, where a new airfield would be built. Some 8,000 Marines would also be shifted to the U.S. territory of Guam by 2014. Japan would foot much of the multibillion-dollar relocation bill.

Inouye said the plan emerged from "much deliberation and concern." He said he's hopeful the ministers can resolve the outstanding issues at the upcoming meeting.

Inouye, 86, is the longest-serving member of the Senate. Born in Hawaii, he is a second-generation Japanese-American who fought in the famed 442nd Regimental Combat Team during World War II. He has dedicated much of his political life to fostering U.S.-Japan ties.

He is visiting Japan this week to meet leaders and tour the disaster-hit northeast coast.

Flashback

A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

June 2, 1999

Fair Wage Act up for amendment

Locals earning less than the prevailing U.S. minimum wage of \$5.15 may have to wait a little longer for the anticipated windfall of a recently signed law providing them the same employment benefits granted to foreign workers. Lawmakers are expected to pass a new legislation amending Public Law 11-74 or the Resident Workers Fair Compensation Act in efforts to correct loopholes and incorporate the forthcoming implementing guidelines. This will further push back its implementation to a later date after it has already been stalled twice following concerns voiced out by the private sector against some provisions of the law.

NMC says economic study should be submitted to US

Northern Marianas College President Agnes McPhetres yesterday asked Gov. Pedro P. Tenorio to provide key US officials with an economic study prepared by the locals when he visits Washington D.C. this years. According to McPhetres, the study once again underpins the valuable role played by the garment industry in sustaining the island economy. "I hope it will be completed before you go to Washington so you can show that to U.S. officials and emphasize that the study gathered the inputs from the community," she said. NMC officials, members of the Legislature and Commonwealth Development Authority Chairman Juan S. Tenorio gathered yesterday at the Governor's Office for the signing of a proclamation declaring June as the Small Business Development Month.

June 2, 2000

Govt unsure whether to join class suit

A planned class-action suit against federal officials and private companies responsible for the polychlorinated biphenyl contamination in Tanapag has hit a snag as the CNMI government weighs whether or not to accept an offer from private lawyers to help in the litigation. A proposed contract drafted by the Texas-based lawyers for the legal action has been sitting with the Governor's Office and the Attorney General's Office since their visit to Saipan early last month, according to House legal counsel Steve Mackenzie. "It's up to the attorney general and the governor to determine whether to hire them or not," he told reporters in an interview yesterday. "As far as I know no determination has been made... and I don't know why."

DPS forges cooperation with Asian police

Public Safety Commissioner Charles W. Ingram has forged closer ties with police organizations in Philippines, Thailand and Korea in another attempt to strengthen cooperation in intelligence information sharing. In Manila, Mr. Ingram met with Col. Andres Caro, director of Operations of the Philippine Center on Transnational Crime, where they discussed areas of possible cooperation, which the CNMI may need in solving pending criminal cases. Mr. Ingram also sought the assistance of the Philippine National Police in providing background information of Juanito Alcantara who was accused in the rape-slay of a Chinese nonresident worker.

June 2, 2003

Federal funding sought for health initiative

The Babauta administration has asked for federal funding to finance the construction of more satellite health clinics on the island and to conduct a health needs assessment in the region. These, according to Gov. Juan N. Babauta, were the major issues that he raised during his conversation with visiting Health and Human Services regional director Dr. Josh Valdez last week. Valdez, who is the Health Secretary's direct representative for guidance and coordination of policies in the region, met with Babauta and top CNMI health officials led by Department of Public Health Secretary James U. Hofschneider Wednesday.

Court will hear issue on CSC jurisdiction over NMC

The Superior Court has denied the request of former Northern Marianas College Vocational Education and Technical Training director Jack Angello to dismiss the lawsuit filed by the college against him and the Civil Service Commission. The NMC lawsuit seeks to prevent the CSC from hearing Angello's appeal over his termination at the college and is asking the outright dismissal of Angello's appeal with CSC. It is also asking the court to declare that the commission has no jurisdiction over NMC employees and to permanently prohibit the commission from exercising jurisdiction over NMC's employees.



Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands
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Community Guidance Center
Guma' Ina' Ayuda Imwalai Alilis
(Mental Health & Substance Abuse Services)



PROJECT BRABU

Public Service Announcement - Deadline Extension

This is to inform the public that the deadline for the Project Brabu Sub Grant Applications has been extended from May 20, 2011 to June 3, 2011.

The Department of Public Health Community Guidance Center (CGC) Prevention Unit - Project Brabu is pleased to announce the availability of federal funds, through the Strategic Prevention Framework State Incentive Grant (SPF SIG) for eligible communities in the CNMI to apply. This project is funded by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA).

For all interested applicants, Sub-Grant Application forms and guidelines may be obtained at the Project Brabu office at the Gualo Rai Center, 3rd floor, Suite #304 (Saipan) or the CGC Substance Abuse Prevention offices on Rota and Tinian. Also, the application form and guidelines are available on the CGC website at www.cgcson.net.

For more information, please contact:

Saipan	- Mr. James Arriola at 323-6571/72 or via email at jamesarriola@gmail.com
Tinian	- Mr. Keith Nabors, Prevention Coordinator, at 433-6572 or via email at tiniantyphoon@hotmail.com
Rota	- Ms. Avery Hocog, Prevention Coordinator, 532-6572 or via email at avery_hocog@yahoo.com

Project Brabu requires ALL completed applications to be submitted, hardcopy AND electronically, to the CGC Project Brabu's office on Saipan and the CGC Substance Abuse Prevention offices on Rota and Tinian, **no later than 3:30pm on Friday, June 3, 2011.**

/s/ Mr. Jerome Jerome
Chairman, Advisory Council

/s/ Ms. Josephine Sablan
Director, CGC and Project Brabu



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NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING

Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section 11, the Commonwealth Ports Authority hereby gives notice that a Special Meeting of the Board of Directors will be held on Friday, June 3, 2011, at 2:00 p.m. in the CPA Conference Room, Second Floor, Captain George F. Fleming Building at the Port of Saipan.

The following items are on the agenda for the above-referenced meeting:

AGENDA

I. PRELIMINARY MATTERS

- 1. Call to Order
- 2. Roll Call
- 3. Adoption of Agenda
- 4. Adoption of Minutes (March 11, 2011)

II. SPECIAL AGENDA ITEMS

- 1. Rota International Airport Runway Shoulder & Generator Project Change Order No. 5
- 2. Saipan International Airport Runway Rehabilitation Package 2 Phase 2 Construction Management Services Amendment No. 1
- 3. Supplemental Budget Request: Transportation Security Administration's Office Common Area and Seismic Certification
- 4. Supplemental Budget Request: Precision Approach Path Indicators (PAPI) Architectural/Engineering
- 5. Seabridge Request for Homeport fees
- 6. Sea Lago's interest at the South Seaplane Ramp

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

IV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

V. ADJOURNMENT

All interested persons are welcome to attend and to submit written or oral testimony on the above agenda items.

/s/ JOSE R. LIFOILOI
Chairman, Board of Directors

June 1, 2011

 **COMMUNITY BRIEFS**
Public hearings on Saipan casino bill

The Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation's committees on Judiciary and Government Operation and Ways and Means will be conducting public hearings for House Local Bills 17-44, or the Saipan and Northern Islands Casino Control Act of 2011 at the following locations:

- Thursday, June 2, Garapan Elementary School, 6pm
 - Monday, June 6, Tanapag Elementary School, 6pm
 - Wednesday, June 8, Dandan Elementary School, 6pm
 - Friday, June 19, Kagman Elementary School, 6pm
 - Monday, June 13, Multi-Purpose Center, Susupe, 6pm
- For copies of HLB 17-44 visit www.cnmileg.gov.mp. Members of the public are encouraged to submit written comments three days prior to the public hearing. Contact the offices of Rep. Joseph M. Palacios (664-8830; rep.palaciosj@cnmileg.gov.mp) or Rep. Ray M. Yumul (664-8826; ray yumul@saipan.com) for further information. (PR)

Kitten needs a home

PAWS has a sweet little male kitten—about 2 to 3 months old—who needs a home. He has been neutered and is healthy. He is waiting for someone to come adopt him at the Paradise Island Animal Hospital. Check out his picture on our Facebook page or on the PAWS website, www.paws-saipan.org. (PR)

OES PTSA meeting on Tuesday

The PTSA officers of Oleai Elementary School would like to inform the parents and guardians of OES students that there will be a PTSA meeting on Tuesday, June 7, at 6pm in the school cafeteria. Everyone is encouraged to attend. (PR)

DEQ sets Obyan Beach**BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUT**

Happy birthday greetings go out to our dad, Julian Reyes, who is celebrating his 62nd birthday today, June 2, 2011. May He continue to bless you. We love you! Greetings come from Julian and Janice R. Camacho; Jaydene Mariano and Pauline R. Iglesias; Ryan, Marita, Hayley and Moira Dony and Joyce R. Camacho; Jonathan, Jennifer, and Diony Ray and Antonette R. Manglona; Jaime, Laura, and Ray Jr. Soledad Terlaje; David, Jose, and Elen.

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cleanup

The Division of Environmental Quality's cleanup brigade will be picking up trash at Obyan Beach on Saturday, June 4, 2011, starting at 8am. Volunteers will split into groups and clean east and west until 10am and break for drinks and then continue, if needed. If you would like to volunteer, meet the DEQ representative at the DEQ parking lot at 8am.

This month, outstanding brigade volunteers who participated in at least 10 monthly cleanups will receive a brigade cap and those who participated in at least three cleanups will receive a green brigade T-shirt. The DEQ cleanup brigade began in 1996 and continues to maintain clean, healthy beaches. For more information about volunteering, contact the DEQ office at 664-8500/1. (DEQ)

MHS Class of 1991 reunion meeting tomorrow

The Marianas High School Class of 1991 will be having its 20th reunion. Class members will be meeting tomorrow, June 3, 2011, at the 13 Fishermen's Pavilion (2nd Pavilion) on Beach Road at 6pm to plan for the reunion. (PR)

Fitial, Inos welcome new Saipan TSA chief



Gov. Benigno R. Fitial and Lt. Gov. Eloy S. Inos pose for a souvenir photo with newly installed TSA director, Friend L. Walker, during a courtesy visit to the Office of the Governor.

and chief of police.

"Mr. Walker's experience and background is a great added resource to our community. We certainly hope he will enjoy his stay here both professionally and personally," said Inos.

"It's not a common problem



**Department of Community & Cultural Affairs
Division of Historic Preservation**

PUBLIC NOTICE

Historic Preservation Fund Grant Proposed Work Goals for FY 2011

The Division of Historic Preservation (HPO) under the auspices of the Department of Community and Cultural Affairs, anticipates the receipt of approximately \$409,791 from the U.S. National Park Service for Fiscal Year 2011. This funding is provided to support the Commonwealth's Historic Preservation program and related community activities.

Prior to the submission of the grant application, the Division of Historic Preservation Office would like to solicit the community's input or comments on what priorities, concerns, projects, and activities it would like to undertake relating to Historic Preservation.

We need your comments particularly on such aspects as:

- 1). What do you think we should be focusing more of this year?
- 2). What particular community projects do you believe is important that we should try to fund?
- 3). What topics should we focus when publishing our ethnographic or archaeological books?
- 4). What particular areas do you want our office to concentrate on surveying or in the identification of cultural materials?
- 5). What aspects of the program do you think we should strengthen?

The following are examples of work goals that are proposed for FY 2011. We would like to know what you think about them.

- Conducting a more intensive survey on Carolinas area on Tinian
- Reprinting all HPO's archaeological and ethnographic collection
- Implementing and maintaining its Geographic Information System
- Nominating significant sites to the National Register of Historic Places
- Provide a symposium on historic preservation policies and identification of cultural materials
- Educate the CNMI's children about historic preservation through school visits, lectures and field trip
- Partner with MARC on exploration of Northern Islands surveys

Interested individuals are invited to submit their comments to the HPO in writing no later than June 30, 2011. Written comments should be addressed to Melvin L. O. Faisao, CNMI State Historic Preservation Officer, Dept. of Community and Cultural Affairs, P.O. Box 500090 CK, Saipan, MP 96950. It may also be faxed to our office at 664-2139 or sent through e-mail to mlof65@gmail.com or mtkani@cnmhpo.net. Please visit our office located on Airport Road, between the former MVA Office and the LSG Building should you have any questions.

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Tinian	Mayor's Conference Room	June 14, 2011	6 - 8 p.m.
Saipan	Multipurpose	June 15, 2011	6 - 8 p.m.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding. We look forward to hearing your comments and ideas. Your input and participation is extremely valuable.

/s/ Melvin L. O. Faisao
Secretary, Community & Cultural Affairs

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Open up America to more tourists



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In the decade since 9/11, the United States has chased away \$500 billion from wannabe tourists unwilling to put up with tougher American tourism requirements.

Clearly, change is needed, and it could bring economic benefits. The threat of international terrorism is very real, but it is not a uniquely American problem. France, for instance, has similar fears. Yet despite being much smaller and a less attractive destination for Chinese tourists, France brought in a million of them in 2010. The United States allowed just 800,000 to visit.

In fact, a U.S. Travel and Tourism Association report indicates this country remains the top dream destination for travelers around the globe. Restrictions placed on visitors as anti-terror measures, however, mean we've lost 17 percent of our tourist market in a decade when tourism boomed.

Residents of all but 27 countries need visas to visit America. Getting those visas means face-to-face interviews, and waits for those interviews can exceed 100 days—encouraging too many visitors to look elsewhere.

One needed reform: Have more employees available to interview visa applicants. Tourism officials note that each interviewer leads to \$1 million in tourism revenue. Another needed change is to lower restrictions on repeat visitors, especially business travelers who return for personal reasons.

The benefits of international tourism extend beyond economics. There is no better way to get the rest of the world thinking positive thoughts about this country than to let them experience it and feel welcomed when they do. The balance between openness and security is a delicate one, but we're leaving too much cash and good will on the table.



Did waterboarding work?

By DAVID H. RITTGERS
LOS ANGELES TIMES

The successful raid on Osama bin Laden's safe house in Pakistan has reinvigorated debate over the role that "enhanced interrogation techniques" have played in fighting al-Qaida. No one is switching sides, which has turned the argument into a theological one between two sets of true believers. Each views the other as heretics.

Get over it. The whole of the debate is pointless posturing. There is no way to prove or disprove the real worth of America's experiment with waterboarding and coercive techniques. More important, enhanced interrogation isn't coming back.

The legal framework underlying waterboarding collapsed during President George W. Bush's tenure. The White House Office of Legal Counsel in 2004 withdrew the memoranda that authorized waterboarding. The Detainee Treatment Act of 2005, sponsored by former POW and torture victim Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., barred "cruel, inhuman and degrading" treatment of any detainee in military custody. There may be an argument that waterboarding isn't torture, but there's no argument that it's not cruel, inhuman and degrading.

That hasn't stopped the pro-waterboarding faction from pushing for a return to techniques that were ended by Bush, not President Obama. The next time former Vice President Dick Cheney says that we should bring back waterboarding (as he did in a recent interview with Fox TV's Chris Wallace), he's mostly feuding with decisions made by his old boss, not the current commander in chief.

The Supreme Court put the nail in the coffin with its Hamdan v. Rumsfeld decision in 2006. The real import of the ruling was not that Congress had to authorize military commissions (it quickly did) but that the Geneva Conventions apply to the armed conflict with al-Qaida. The application of the laws of war, which allow broad power to kill your enemy but provide no authority to mistreat him, brought down the legal house of cards that authorized coercive interrogation. Bush issued an executive order the next year that banned the bulk of enhanced interrogation techniques. Obama followed suit with his own order applying stricter military standards to the intelligence community.

We'll probably never know the real value of coercive techniques. Surely some accurate information came from their use. Some prisoners were interrogated almost entirely with these techniques, so there was no "control," for comparison's sake—no way to know what we'd have gotten without mistreating detainees.

The only way we could have a rational assessment of the costs and benefits of enhanced interrogation techniques is with a complete declassification of all the interrogation reports, including the leads that coercive questioning produced. If a great many of these leads were distracting dead-ends, perhaps produced by a detainee's desire to temporarily end his suffering, that would paint a dim picture of their utility. The risks of such a declassification obviously outweigh the benefits of settling the waterboarding debate.

So we return to the same talking points again and again. In defense of coercive interrogation, the fact that our service members are subjected to these techniques in Survival, Evasion, Resistance and Escape, or SERE, school—the military's prisoner of war training—continues to pop up.

That argument glosses over a key difference between how we treat our soldiers and our prisoners: consent. I volunteered for and graduated from SERE school (I was not waterboarded, but I was subjected to plenty of unpleasantness). I wouldn't suffer the same treatment willingly if someone grabbed me off the street. I'd fight them tooth and nail.

There's also evidence coming to light that waterboarding isn't the "open sesame" some would have us believe. According to Marc Thiessen, a Bush speechwriter, Khalid Shaikh Mohammed counted the seconds he was being waterboarded on his fingers, determining that his interrogators were limited to 40 seconds of controlled drowning at a time. Thiessen's point was that limiting waterboarding, which was crucial to the administration's claim that it wasn't torture, also made it ineffective.

On top of that, Mohammed's primary contribution to the intelligence chain that led to his boss's Pakistani safe house appears to have been his denial that the courier was important. As a justification for enhanced interrogation techniques, that's not much to hang your hat on.

Such scraps of information fuel the pro-and-con debate, but arguing without complete information is nothing but a waste of time. The law banning waterboarding and other coercive techniques is, for now, settled. The military and intelligence communities have adjusted to a world without them, and so should we.

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Become part of the solution

Super Bowl MVP Hines Ward recently won the coveted mirror ball trophy on *Dancing with the Stars* after battling with some tough competition. During the season, he was asked about his excellent dance routine to classical music and he replied that he never listened to classical music. He even admitted on *Good Morning America*: “When I signed up, I’d never danced in my whole life. I was so scared. I didn’t even go to my prom.”

So what was the key to his success? He obviously possessed strong athletic ability, but so do many of the competitors on the show. One answer comes from his ability to make a plan of action and then consistently practice until his movements became natural. During one segment, he was shown diagramming his dance routine as if it was page from his football playbook. Each move was carefully planned and a pillow became his practice partner.

I recently met with a number of individuals representing organizations that work to assist businesses to become more successful, and I asked them the question: “What things would best help local businesses grow?”

A lot of answers were listed on a flipchart and then prioritized according to its usefulness and the degree of control a businessperson has over each item. The number one response to help grow a business was to create a plan of action. You see, without a plan to guide your actions, it’s too easy to get off-track and become diverted by urgent items that can keep you busy but don’t help you achieve your business goals. Making that plan of action simple—even on one page—can become your “game plan” to get the results you want.

The meeting I mentioned earlier was in response to a concept

I’ve been discussing in this column for the past couple of weeks and that is almost ready to be launched. It’s called the BizGrowth Challenge and its purpose is to improve the local economy and quality of life by working collaboratively with organizations and experts that provide businesses with affordable resources to effectively achieve sustainable growth.

The first step toward any positive change is to have the right attitude for change to occur. Number five on our list was to “develop a more positive attitude about the current situation.” We agreed that an important element to create a turnaround in the economy is to change the mindset of individuals from “no, I can’t” to “yes, I can.” Once this mindset is changed, then an individual is open to possibilities and begins to look for solutions to their current situation. If the needed resources are readily made available to allow businesses to implement a plan of action, then positive results will be realized. After learning about the BizGrowth Challenge and what it has to offer, 67 percent responded in a survey that they believe it will have a strong or very strong impact on local businesses to help them achieve sustainable growth.

Once the program is finalized, we will be looking for business owners who are willing to participate in the Challenge to implement the techniques, use the tools, and develop the strategies that will allow them to develop their staff, improve operations, reduce expenses, create strategic alliances, and increase the number and quality of customers they serve.

Besides learning to craft a simple action plan, the BizGrowth Challenge will also provide training, support, sources of funding, marketing strategies, and effective customer service techniques.

By RIK VILLEGAS

Special to the Saipan Tribune

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Basically, it will support you to achieve whatever goals you have for your business and provide the resources to make it happen. By helping your business and other business owners who are willing to become proactive in a reactive world, we can make a difference and improve the overall quality of life on this wonderful island.

The Challenge will require you to rise above your self-doubts and work hard to achieve your goals. Hines Ward sums up what the *Dancing with the Stars* challenge did for him: “Winning the mirror ball trophy for me symbolizes overcoming my fear of the unknown. It says that I was able to excel at something I knew nothing about. I was able to rise above difficulty and take a risk.”

If you are willing to overcome any fear you have about the unknown future, rise above difficulty and make an effort to improve your situation, then take the Challenge to grow your business and help be a part of an economic recovery that is destined to occur if we truly believe in it and put in the necessary work. If you are ready to take the Challenge and become a part of the solution, contact me at rikvillegas@gmail.com to learn more.

The Bieber effect

» The connection between stardom and social mobility in America is as old as the first fan magazines of a century ago

By KAREN STERNHEIMER
LOS ANGELES TIMES

Americans don’t seem bothered enough by the country’s growing wealth divide to do much about it, according to a recent Harvard Business School survey. In part, that’s probably because they vastly underestimate the gap, believing the top 20 percent own 59 percent of the nation’s wealth when they actually own 84 percent.

But there’s another, less obvious reason for our passivity—the hope and glory pushed by an all-pervasive news, gossip and star-driven celebrity culture.

The core of the American dream teaches us that the formula for achieving wealth involves hard work, determination and luck. Celebrities, and the coverage of them, seem to provide visible proof of this message every day: If it can happen to Justin Bieber, it can happen to me. So why change the system?

The connection between stardom and social mobility is as old as the first fan magazines of a century ago. Silent-film star Ruth Clifford was an orphan who peered through a knothole at the Edison Studios lot in New Jersey before getting her big break, according to a 1919 issue of *Photoplay*. Virginia Valli was a stenographer traveling through a dangerous part of Chicago while struggling to support her mother and sister before leading the “limousine life,” a 1918 story in the same magazine details.

Just last week, in an obituary in the *Los Angeles Times*, the story was retold again. Mary Murphy, who played the sweet small-town girl opposite Marlon Brando in *The Wild Ones*, was “a package wrapper at Saks Fifth Avenue on Wilshire Boulevard in Beverly Hills when she was discovered at a nearby coffee shop by a talent scout.”

The narrative persists like “once upon a time.” Stories about contemporary celebrities—in fan magazines like *Us Weekly* and on star-driven websites like E Online—typically highlight how much stars were like us before making it big. We see their embarrassing high school pictures and read about their small hometowns, relationships, babies, body fat, marriages and divorces.

Oprah Winfrey is at least as famous for her rise from rural Mississippi to billionaire media mogul as she is for her “Live your best life” message. Teen sensation Bieber personifies overnight success—from YouTube video to a recording deal and platinum album. The very title of his remix album and biopic, “Never Say Never,” echoes the American dream of limitless opportunities for anyone



who refuses to give up.

The rise of the Internet and reality TV, which has made fame and fortune seem ever more accessible, has further strengthened the illusion that our class system is wide open. That Nicole “Snooki” Polizzi of *Jersey Shore* fame can command \$32,000 for a Rutgers University appearance—\$2,000 more than Nobel- and Pulitzer Prize-winning Toni Morrison received to deliver the university’s commencement speech—is not just a commentary on the value we place on celebrity. It also reaffirms the possibility of social mobility for those with few skills.

Celebrity culture sustains faith in our economic system in another way. It tells us whom to blame for failure—the individual.

Stories portray a star’s addiction, weight gain or personality problems as the rationale behind their downfall. A once-bright star who “let herself go” just needs to work harder at the gym and maybe appear on “Celebrity Fit Club” or “Dancing With the Stars.”

Tabloid darling Lindsay Lohan embodies this ethos: She is regularly portrayed as the architect of her career and life’s collapse. That’s not without truth, but seldom does coverage of her antics go beyond individual responsibility to explore the vagaries of stardom and the challenges young people face navigating the pressures of the industry.

The “has beens” who unwittingly star in these morality tales shore up a convenient notion of the American dream: that downward mobility—even during economic hard times—is about individual character traits rather than the social system or catastrophic societal and industrial changes.

During the Depression, silent-film director D.W. Griffith’s career slide was portrayed in a 1934 issue of *Photoplay* as the result of his own poor business decisions. Never mind the seismic shift that the rise of talkies brought to the industry.

More recently, when several of actor Nicolas Cage’s homes went into foreclosure and it was revealed that he owed millions in back taxes, *People* magazine pointed its finger at the actor’s out-of-control penchant for “lavish properties and prized toys.”

Celebrity culture’s focus on individual determination and, to some degree, blind luck as ingredients for success distracts us from the roles power and privilege actually play in upward mobility, even in Hollywood. It makes it easy to forget that a percentage of today’s A-list stars—Gwyneth Paltrow and Kiefer Sutherland, for example—had A-list parents whose connections likely opened doors that for most remain closed.

Hollywood is perceived as a bastion of liberalism with a wide variety of progressive causes. The great irony is that the celebrity on which it turns is among the most conservative social forces at play in shaping public attitudes about class and social mobility. There’s nothing wrong with the dream, except that it so rarely results in such spectacular reality.

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The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 10 to 20 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 10 to 20 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
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Micronesia

Guam and Rota Thundershowers	▲ 88 ▼ 82
Palau	Thunderstorms ▲ 85 ▼ 78
Yap	Rain ▲ 87 ▼ 77
Chuuk	Thunderstorms ▲ 82 ▼ 76
Pohnpei	Rain ▲ 82 ▼ 76
Kosrae	Thunderstorms ▲ 85 ▼ 79
Majuro	Thunderstorms ▲ 84 ▼ 77

Around The Globe

Auckland	Partly Cloudy	▲ 61 ▼ 55
Beijing	Partly Cloudy	▲ 89 ▼ 68
Hong Kong	Partly Cloudy	▲ 86 ▼ 78
Honolulu	Showers	▲ 83 ▼ 74
London	Mostly Sunny	▲ 72 ▼ 56
Los Angeles	Mostly Sunny	▲ 72 ▼ 56
Manila	Thundershowers	▲ 92 ▼ 79
Melbourne	Partly Cloudy	▲ 61 ▼ 48
Miami	Partly Cloudy	▲ 87 ▼ 78
New York	Sunny	▲ 81 ▼ 58
Osaka	Partly Cloudy	▲ 79 ▼ 63
Paris	Mostly Sunny	▲ 80 ▼ 57
Pusan	Partly Cloudy	▲ 72 ▼ 62
Rome	Thundershowers	▲ 82 ▼ 63
Salem	Rain	▲ 56 ▼ 52
San Francisco	Sunny	▲ 56 ▼ 50
Seoul	Partly Cloudy	▲ 77 ▼ 60
Tokyo	Mostly Sunny	▲ 76 ▼ 64
Washington, DC	Partly Cloudy	▲ 89 ▼ 62

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Sunrise/Sunset

Moonrise/Moonset

Today	5:46 AM	6:44 PM	Today	5:45 AM	7:07 PM
Friday	5:46 AM	6:44 PM	Friday	6:39 AM	8:00 PM
Saturday	5:46 AM	6:45 PM	Saturday	7:35 AM	8:51 PM
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C09313	7:55am	8:45am	3, 6	C09596	6:35am	7:25am	3, 6
C09313	8:30am	9:20am	1, 2, 4, 5, 7	C09596	7:00am	7:50am	1, 2, 4, 5, 7
C09601	12:10pm	1:00pm	1, 4, 5, 7	C09600	10:05am	10:55am	1, 2, 4, 5, 7
C09603	3:05pm	3:55pm	1, 2, 4, 5, 7	5K389	1:35pm	2:25pm	1, 4, 6
5K382	6:00pm	6:50pm	2, 5, 7	C09602	1:40pm	2:30pm	1, 4, 5, 7
C09605	6:30pm	7:20pm	Daily	C09604	5:10pm	6:00pm	Daily
C09599	9:30pm	10:20pm	Daily	C09606	8:00pm	8:50pm	Daily
SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)			NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN				
DL287	6:00am	8:45am	Daily	DL298	10:25am	3:00pm	Daily
DL297	4:35pm	7:20pm	Daily	DL288	8:05pm	12:35am+1	Daily
SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)			BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN				
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SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)			SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN				
0Z606	2:20am	6:00am	1	0Z603	9:00am	2:30pm	2, 4, 6, 7
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0Z604	3:30pm	7:00pm	2, 4, 6, 7	0Z605	8:10pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)			SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN				
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SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)			GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN				
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SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)			MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN				
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				DL172/288	7:45am	12:35am+1	Daily via NRT
C09317/891	4:25am	9:45am	3, 6 via GUM	C0890/9606	10:55am	8:50pm	3, 6 via GUM
DL287/173	6:00am	10:15pm	Daily	0Z702/605	12:45pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
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C09313/933	7:55am	8:40pm	3, 6 via GUM				via ICN
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Business

Cellphones a 'possible' carcinogen-like coffee

LONDON (AP)—A respected international panel of scientists says cellphones are possible cancer-causing agents, putting them in the same category as the pesticide DDT, gasoline engine exhaust and coffee.

The classification was issued Tuesday in Lyon, France, by the International Agency for Research on Cancer after a review of dozens of published studies. The agency is an arm of the World Health Organization and its assessment now goes to WHO and national health agencies for possible guidance on cellphone use.

Classifying agents as "possibly carcinogenic" doesn't mean they automatically cause cancer and some experts said the ruling shouldn't change people's cellphone habits.

"Anything is a possible carcinogen," said Donald Berry, a professor of biostatistics at the M.D. Anderson Cancer Center at the University of Texas. He was not involved in the WHO cancer group's assessment. "This is not something I worry about and it will not in any way change how I use my cellphone," he said—speaking from his cellphone.

The same cancer research agency lists alcoholic drinks as a known carcinogen and night shift work as a probable carcinogen. Anyone's risk for cancer depends on many factors, from genetic makeup to the amount and length of time of an exposure.

After a weeklong meeting on the type of electromagnetic radiation found in cellphones, microwaves and radar, the expert panel said there was limited evidence cellphone use was linked to two types of brain tumors and inadequate evidence to draw conclusions for other cancers.

"We found some threads of

evidence telling us how cancers might occur, but there were acknowledged gaps and uncertainties," said Jonathan Samet of the University of Southern California, the panel's chairman.

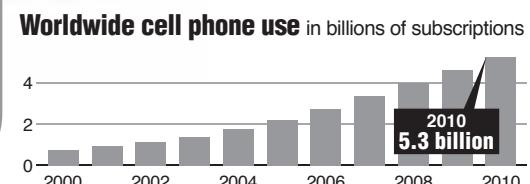
"The WHO's verdict means there is some evidence linking mobile phones to cancer but it is too weak to draw strong conclusions from," said Ed

Yong, head of health information at Cancer Research U.K. "If such a link exists, it is unlikely to be a large one."

Last year, results of a large study found no clear link between cellphones and cancer. But some advocacy groups contend the study raised serious concerns because it showed a hint of a possible connection

Cell phones: Reducing risk

An international panel of scientists says cell phones are a possible cancer risk, despite earlier studies that were inconclusive. Ways to limit potential risk from exposure to radio frequency (RF) energy from cell phone use:



Source: U.S. Food and Drug Administration, Time Magazine, International Telecommunications Union
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House rejects debt limit increase without cuts

WASHINGTON (AP)—House Republicans dealt defeat to their own proposal for a \$2.4 trillion increase in the nation's debt limit Tuesday, a political gambit designed to reinforce a demand for spending cuts to accompany any increase in government borrowing.

The vote was lopsided, with just 97 in favor of the measure and 318 against.

House Democrats accused the GOP of political demagogery, while the Obama administration maneuvered to avoid taking sides—or giving offense to majority Republicans.

The debate was brief, occasionally impassioned and set a standard of sorts for public theater, particularly at a time when private negotiations continue among the administration and key lawmakers on the deficit cuts Republicans have demanded.

The bill "will and must fail," said Rep. Dave Camp, R-Mich.,

the House Ways and Means Committee chairman who noted he had helped write the very measure he was criticizing.

"I consider defeating an unconditional increase to be a success, because it sends a clear and critical message that the Congress has finally recognized we must immediately begin to rein in America's affection for deficit spending," he said.

But Rep. Sander Levin, D-Mich., accused Republicans of a "ploy so egregious that (they) have had to spend the last week pleading with Wall Street not to take it seriously and risk our economic recovery."

He and other Democrats added that Republicans were attempting to draw attention away from their controversial plan to turn Medicare into a program in which seniors purchase private insurance coverage.

The proceedings occurred roughly two months before the date Treasury Secretary Tim

between very heavy phone use and glioma, a rare but often deadly form of brain tumor. However, the numbers in that subgroup weren't sufficient to make the case.

The study was controversial because it began with people who already had cancer and asked them to recall how often they used their cellphones more than a decade ago.

In about 30 other studies done in Europe, New Zealand and the U.S., patients with brain tumors have not reported using their cellphones more often than unaffected people.

Because cellphones are so popular, it may be impossible for experts to compare cellphone users who develop brain tumors with people who don't use the devices. According to a survey last year, the number of cellphone subscribers worldwide has hit 5 billion, or nearly three-quarters of the global population.

People's cellphone habits have also changed dramatically since the first studies began years ago and it's unclear if the results of previous research would still apply today.

Since many cancerous tumors take decades to develop, experts say it's impossible to conclude cellphones have no long-term health risks. The studies conducted so far haven't tracked people for longer than about a decade.

Former Google CEO 'screwed up' on Facebook threat

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—If he had another chance, former Google CEO Eric Schmidt would have pressed the Internet search leader to focus more on mounting a challenge to Facebook while he was still running the company.

"I screwed up," Schmidt said late Tuesday during a 75-minute question-and-answer session at the D: All Things conference in Rancho Palos Verde. The Associated Press watched a webcast of the conference.

Schmidt's admission comes nearly two months after he ended his decade-long stint as Google's CEO and became the company's executive chairman. He was replaced by Google co-founder Larry Page, who is pushing the company's employees to develop more ways to connect people with their friends and family like Facebook already does.

That was a priority that Schmidt said he started addressing in internal memos written about four years ago when

Facebook had about 20 million active users.

But he acknowledged he and other executives didn't take Facebook seriously enough.

Now, Facebook has more than 500 million users who share billions of links, posts and photos each month.

Facebook's growing popularity is becoming more nettle-some for Google.

As Facebook's audience grows, it is attracting more online advertising and stunting Google's financial growth.

Perhaps even more troubling to Google, much of the information on Facebook's website can't be indexed by Google's search engine. That restriction threatens to make Google's less useful as more people form social circles online and could make it more difficult to get a handle on personal preferences so it can do a better job selling ads.

Schmidt said the company has been working hard to solve this "identity" problem. "I

think the industry as a whole would benefit from an alternative" to Facebook's network, Schmidt said.

Google has tried to negotiate partnerships with Facebook, Schmidt said, only to be repeatedly rebuffed. He said Facebook has preferred teaming up with another Google rival, Microsoft Corp., which owns a 1.6 percent stake in Facebook. Google also has ties to Facebook; one of its former executives, Sheryl Sandberg, is Facebook's chief operating officer.

Just before Page became CEO, Google introduced its version of Facebook's ubiquitous "Like" button to enable Web surfers to endorse search results and ads. Google's recommendation button, called "+1," is expected to be expanded to other websites Wednesday, according to the Techcrunch blog and industry newsletter Search Engine Land. Schmidt didn't mention a timetable for expanding Google's +1 button.

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Bank of Guam has also been granted SBA Patriot Express status, which is a loan initiative for veterans and members of the military community wanting to establish or expand small businesses. Patriot Express loans feature the SBA's lowest interest rates for small business loans, depending on the terms and conditions of the loan.

Bank of Guam president,

board chair, and chief executive officer Lou A. Leon Guerrero said, "Bank of Guam is very

proud to have earned SBA's highest autonomy level which gives us the ability to make decisions locally and rapidly. We have worked hard to earn this prestigious designation and look forward to providing our continued responsiveness to our community's needs.

Earning Patriot Status is another goal we have worked diligently to earn. Our ability to provide our veterans and military community members with favorable small business loan terms is important to growing our small business base and serving our region." (BoG)

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Geithner has said the debt limit must be raised. If no action is taken by Aug. 2, he has warned, the government could default on its obligations and risk turmoil that might plunge the nation into another recession or even an economic depression.

Republicans, who are scheduled to meet with Obama at the White House on Wednesday, signaled in advance that the debt limit vote did not portend a final refusal to grant an increase.

The roll call vote was held late in the day, and there was little, if any discernible impact on Wall Street, where major exchanges showed gains for the day. At the same time, it satisfied what GOP officials said was a desire among the rank and file to vote against unpopular legislation the leadership has said eventually must pass in some form.

Republicans said they were offering legislation Obama and more than 100 Democratic lawmakers had sought.

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Chinese Yuan	6.4793
Euro	0.6932

Hong Kong Dollar **7.7784**

Indian Rupee **45.06**

Indonesian Rupiah **8540**

Japanese Yen **81.3145**

Malaysian Ringgit **3.007**

New Zealand Dollar **1.218**

Philippine Peso **43.18**

Singapore Dollar **1.2315**

South Korean Won **1076.55**

Swiss Franc **0.8524**

Taiwan Dollar **28.606**

Thailand Baht **30.295**

Nation

Endeavour leaves orbit, heads to Earth for landing

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla.

(AP)—Endeavour and its crew of six zoomed toward a middle-of-the-night landing Wednesday to bring NASA's second-to-last space shuttle flight to a close.

Commander Mark Kelly and his co-pilot fired the braking rockets to begin the hourlong descent from orbit. Endeavour was due to touch down at 2:35 a.m. EDT.

Meanwhile, Atlantis slowly made its way to the launch pad for the last shuttle flight, coming up in just five weeks. Atlantis crept out of the mammoth Vehicle Assembly Building a little after sunset, bathed in xenon lights. Thousands of Kennedy Space Center workers and their families gathered to see Atlantis make its way to the pad.

"The show pretty much tells itself," Atlantis' commander, Christopher Ferguson, said as he waved toward his ship. "We're going to look upon this final mission as a celebration of all that the space shuttle has accomplished over its 30-year life span."

Kelly and his crew were eager to get home and hand the spotlight over to the At-

lantis crew.

"Endeavour's performed really, really well for us over these 16 days, as it has since its first flight," Kelly said.

Endeavour left the International Space Station over the weekend. The astronauts put the finishing touches on the orbiting lab, installing a \$2 billion cosmic ray detector, an extension beam and a platform full of spare parts—enough to keep the station operating in the shuttle-less decade ahead.

Atlantis will blast off on the final flight ever by a shuttle July 8. The three-mile trip from the hangar—the beginning of it lined with the cars of space center workers seeking a front-row view—should be completed soon after Endeavour lands.

It will be just the 25th time NASA has brought a space shuttle back to Earth in darkness—representing less than one-fifth of all missions.

All four astronauts assigned to Atlantis' flight were on hand for the historic double-header.

"Look how majestic it looks rolling out to the launch pad," said Atlantis astronaut Sandra Magnus. "It's really hard to say

goodbye to the program. But on the other hand, look at the great things that we've accomplished and look at what we can do with that in the next era."

Endeavour will have traveled 123 million miles by flight's end—on all 25 of its voyages—and spent 299 days in space.

It's the youngest of NASA's shuttles, first flying in 1992 as the replacement for Challenger.

In a series of TV interviews late Monday, the Endeavour astronauts talked about how huge and spectacular the space station has become. It's so sprawling that it barely fits in the shut-

tle viewfinder from 600 feet out, pilot Gregory Johnson said.

And as has become the custom, Kelly fielded numerous questions about his wife, Rep. Gabrielle Giffords.

Giffords, who's recovering from a gunshot wound to the head, remained at her rehab

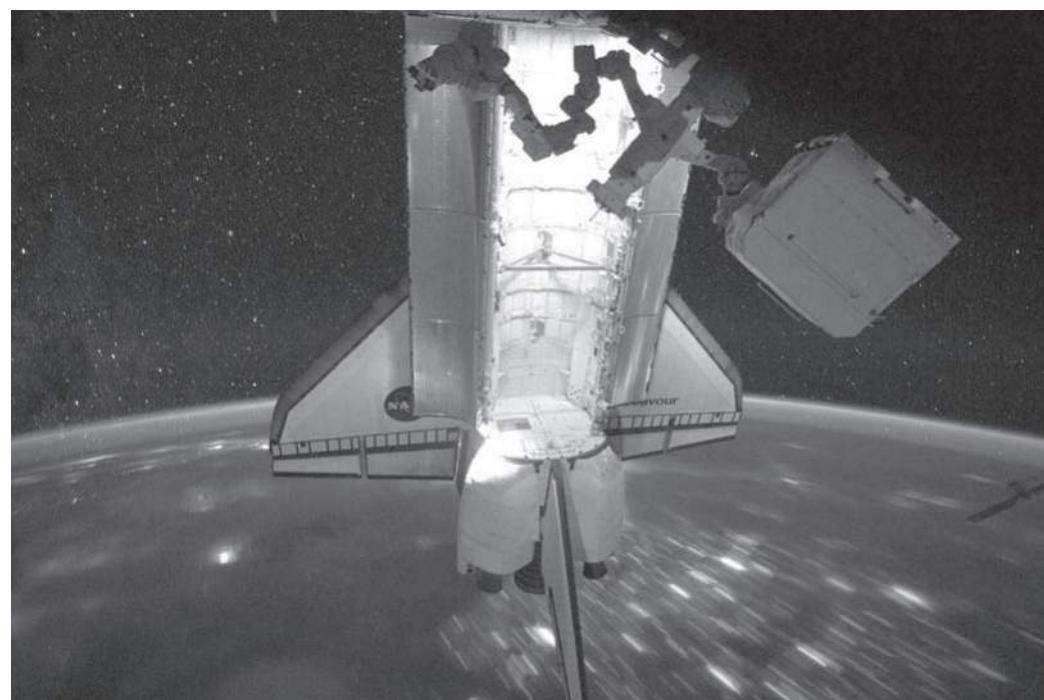
center in Houston. She traveled to Kennedy for the launch, but the landing time was too inconvenient to warrant another trip, her husband said.

On Monday, she had the stitches removed from the skull reconstruction that she underwent just two days into his flight.

Kelly said he'll call her as soon as he lands—he expects his first words to be "I'm back"—and embrace her once he returns to Houston the day after touchdown.

Kelly said he has no regrets about having made the flight. He took a leave from NASA when the shooting occurred Jan. 8 in Tucson, Ariz., and for a while thought he might have to quit. But Giffords improved so much that when Kelly moved her to Houston for rehabilitation, he resumed flight training.

"In hindsight, it was absolutely the right decision," Kelly said. That's evidenced by the fact that the crew met all of its objectives in orbit: installing the Alpha Magnetic Spectrometer, carrying out four spacewalks, wrapping up the U.S. portion of space station construction.



A photo released by Nasa shows the Endeavour with a backdrop of a night time view of the Earth and the starry sky, while docked at the International Space Station on Saturday May 28, 2011.

9 days after tornado, rebuilding begins in Joplin

JOPLIN, Mo. (AP)—Electrical crews hoisted power poles, small businesses opened in tents and residents snatched up construction supplies as rebuilding got underway nine days after a tornado tore through southwest Missouri. "We are open. Pray for Joplin," read a sign Tuesday outside a pharmacy offering customers free water, coffee and diabetic meters.

Cleanup from the tornado that carved a 6-mile swath through the city of about 50,000 will be expensive and

environmentally delicate. Environmental officials have already warned of potential hazards, including gasoline leaks and asbestos used in the construction of old homes. But with debris removal to begin Wednesday, residents have started looking ahead.

Among the most evident signs Tuesday was the reopening of a Home Depot flattened by the 200 mph winds of the EF-5 twister. Employees in orange vests and aprons helped a steady stream of customers

with sales of lumber, roofing materials and other necessities. There wasn't much to choose from yet, but Home Depot promised a 30,000-square-foot temporary building was already framed and would open within a couple of weeks.

Until then, people could pick up the most urgently needed supplies, piled on the ground and tables in the old store's parking lot.

"The products we have are what the community needs," store manager Steve Cope

said. "We're trying to let people know we're not just a retail store to take their money. We're here."

It will be a long time before Joplin completely rebuilds. An estimated 8,000 homes and apartments were damaged or destroyed, along with hundreds of commercial buildings, schools, the largest hospital, power transformers and other infrastructure. But the work has begun.

Just a few blocks from

where St. John's Regional Medical Center was hit, Darren Collins had already put up walls and a roof to rebuild his wife's beauty salon, Cutloose. Collins, who works as a contractor, said he wanted to get his wife's business going so he could turn his attention to the long list of jobs he has lined up elsewhere in the city. He said he hadn't anticipated what the salon's reopening would mean to so many people.

"I had one guy slam on his brakes and come over and give me a big hug and say what an inspiration it is to see some-

body rebuilding," Collins said.

Residents also are anxious to get their homes back, including Scott Vorhees. The 35-year-old divorced lawyer and his two daughters weren't home when their two-story brick house on a 3-acre lot was destroyed. He's already had a contractor out and hopes to begin building a new home - "bigger and better," he said—within months.

"I just think it's important for people here to see people rebuilding," Vorhees said. "Get some momentum going. I want people in Joplin to see progress."

\$25K bail for Egyptian businessman in NYC sex case

NEW YORK (AP)—A businessman and former chairman of a major Egyptian bank was being held on \$25,000 bail after being charged with sexually abusing a housekeeper at a luxury New York City hotel.

Mahmoud Abdel Salam Omar, wearing glasses and a suit, was arraigned just before midnight on Tuesday in Manhattan.

His lawyer told the court that her client "adamantly denies the charges against him."

"He realizes these are very, very serious charges, and he denies them. He wants to fight this case," said Liz Beal, a Legal Aid attorney who said she was only representing him at his first court appearance and that he would seek private counsel.

Prosecutors called Omar an obvious flight risk. Judge Ger-

ald Lebovits ordered Omar to surrender his travel documents, including his passport.

Authorities say a maid was called to Omar's room at The Pierre on Sunday night to drop off tissues. Police say the 74-year-old Omar wouldn't let her leave and touched her inappropriately.

Omar chairs the board of the El-Mex Salines Co., a state-run salt production company. His biography on the company's site says he's a former chairman of Egypt's Bank of Alexandria, of the Egyptian American Bank and of the Federation of Egyptian Banks.

El-Mex Salines officials could not immediately be reached for comment.

Omar's arrest came little more than two weeks after then-International Monetary Fund

ACROSS THE NATION

Levees going up to protect South Dakota cities

PIERRE, S.D. (AP)—Crews raced approaching floodwaters Tuesday to complete emergency levees aimed at protecting South Dakota's capital city and two other towns as the swollen Missouri River rolled downstream from the Northern Plains. Meanwhile, the mayor of Minot, N.D., ordered a quarter of the city's residents to evacuate areas along the flooding Souris River. Residents of the upscale community of Dakota Dunes in southeastern South Dakota, below the final dam on the river, have been told to move their possessions to higher ground and be ready to leave their homes by Thursday, a day before releases from the dams are set to increase again.

Calif. woman charged in body parts barrel case

ONTARIO, Calif. (AP)—A woman was charged with murder Tuesday, days after a man's body parts were found in a foul-smelling trash can she was spotted pushing down the street. Carmen Montenegro, 51, of San Bernardino, was arrested Sunday after police discovered the

body parts in the barrel she was pushing and what appeared to be bodily fluids at a nearby house, authorities said. Authorities have not yet identified the man, how he died, when he died, where he died or the relationship between him and Montenegro. Investigators were withholding information about which body parts were in the trash can, a 30-gallon plastic container, and which ones are missing, Ontario police Sgt. Jeff Crittenden said.

Officials probe missing animals at LA shelters

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Los Angeles police and other officials are looking into the disappearance of 64 animals, most of them dogs, from city shelters over the past year. The Los Angeles Times reported on its website Tuesday that 49 of the missing dogs, cats and other critters disappeared from one shelter in the city's Lincoln Heights neighborhood. Animal Services Department general manager Brenda Barnette said some could have been incorrectly listed as missing because of clerical errors, but she described at least some as having "wrongly disappeared."

Asia

Filipino clan leader pleads not guilty to massacre

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—The patriarch of a powerful clan pleaded not guilty Wednesday to charges he masterminded the 2009 massacre of at least 57 political opponents and journalists in the Philippines' worst election-related killings.

Andal Ampatuan Sr. was arraigned in a special court inside a Manila maximum-security prison, 18 months after he and a dozen family members were arrested over the killings in the southern province of Maguindanao that rattled a country accustomed to political violence.

Ampatuan's son, former town mayor Andal Ampatuan Jr., is accused of leading about 150 gunmen with his father's approval in stopping an election caravan and allegedly mowing down the family and supporters of their political rival. Most of the victims were women and included at least 31 journalists and their staff, the single worst killing of media workers in the world.

A total of 196 people have been charged with multiple murder, 88 of whom are in custody, and 57 have been arraigned. More than 50 others are still at large.

Andal Ampatuan Jr. and the others previously have pleaded not guilty.

The International Federation of Journalists said Wednesday's arraignment was "an important milestone."

"We can only hope that the trial continues to progress from this point on for the sake of the victims' families," said the federation's Asia-Pacific Director, Jacqueline Park.

After a clerk of court read the names of the 57 victims, 70-year-old Andal Ampatuan Sr., dressed in a yellow detainee shirt and black slacks, was asked to enter a plea and responded in his native Magu-



ASIAN BRIEFS

US role in Asia on agenda for Gates' final trip

WASHINGTON (AP)—On his final overseas trip as secretary of defense, Robert Gates will make the case to a gathering of Asian defense chiefs in Singapore that expected budget-slashing in Washington will not weaken America's commitment to Asia. Gates was stopping in Hawaii on Tuesday for a brief visit to Pearl Harbor, where he was touring the Battleship Missouri Memorial. Later this week, in Singapore, Gates will attend the annual Shangri-La Dialogue, Asia's most prominent security conference. Its agenda includes discussion about the challenge of Afghanistan, the implications of China's military buildup and the dangers of North Korea's nuclear ambitions.

Police: Missing Pakistani journalist found dead

ISLAMABAD (AP)—A Pakistani journalist who investigated al-Qaida's alleged infiltration of the navy and told a rights activist he'd been threatened by the country's intelligence agencies was found dead Tuesday. Police said his body showed signs of torture. Syed Saleem Shahzad's death underscores the dangers of reporting in Pakistan, which in 2010 was called the deadliest country for journalists. It could also increase scrutiny of Pakistan's security agencies, already under domestic pressure since the May 2 U.S. raid that killed Osama bin Laden.

Turkmenistan forms space agency

ASHGABAT, Turkmenistan (AP)—The energy-rich Turkmenistan is aiming to join the ranks of space nations. The official newspaper Neutral Turkmenistan reported Tuesday that President Gurbanguli Berdymukhamedov has signed a decree authorizing the creation of the National Space Agency. Earlier this month, U.S. space transportation company SpaceX vice president Christophe Bauer announced that his company would launch a satellite for the Central Asian nation in 2014.

Pakistan forms commission to probe US bin Laden raid

ISLAMABAD (AP)—Pakistan's government on Tuesday named the members of a commission tasked with probing the U.S. raid that killed Osama bin Laden, including how it came about that the al-Qaida chief was living in a Pakistani garrison city.

Parliament passed a resolution earlier this month demanding that an independent commission—as opposed to one led by the military—investigate the May 2 incursion, which deeply humiliated Pakistani leaders.

Its creation suggests the weak civilian government is using the opportunity to gain leverage over the powerful security establishment during a time when army and intelligence leaders are facing unusual levels of public criticism.

Pakistan has a poor history when it comes to holding leaders accountable for mistakes, especially if they are in the security establishment. Commissions may be formed, but their findings often are not far-reaching and may not be released to the public.

The five-member panel commission will be led by Javed Iqbal, a Supreme Court justice. Its other members include a retired lieutenant general and a former ambassador.

According to Prime Minister Yousaf Raza Gilani's office, the commission's mandate includes establishing "the full facts" regarding bin Laden's presence in Pakistan, as well as details about the U.S. incursion.

The commission is also expected to figure out what security lapses were involved on the Pakistani side, and to ultimately make "consequential recommendations."

The bin Laden killing battered the already uneasy relationship between the U.S. and Pakistan.

While Pakistani leaders insist they had no idea the terrorist leader was hiding in the northwest city of Abbottabad, suspicions persist in the U.S. that some elements within Pakistan's security forces may have helped hide the al-Qaida leader.

Even so, both sides are likely to do their utmost to patch things up.

Pakistan relies on billions of dollars in U.S. aid to help keep its economy afloat and its military strong.

The U.S. needs Pakistan's cooperation against Islamist militants who use its soil to plan attacks on the West. It also considers Pakistan key to prospects for a peace deal between the Taliban and the government in neighboring Afghanistan.

Afghan president seeks to limit NATO airstrikes

they would continue.

"Coalition forces constantly strive to reduce the chance of civilian casualties and damage to structures," Belinsky said, "but when the insurgents use civilians as a shield and put our forces in a position where their only option is to use airstrikes, then they will take that option."

In Brussels, NATO spokeswoman Oana Lungescu insisted NATO airstrikes are still essential. She said the alliance takes Karzai's concerns very seriously and would continue to make every effort to avoid civilian casualties.

Karzai's spokesman said the president plans to stand firm on this issue, regardless of the fallout with NATO.

"In many of these operations, Afghans are in the lead," she said. She would not comment specifically on the recent raid in Helmand province.

Belinsky also offered a con-

ciliatory tone. "In the days and weeks ahead we will coordinate very closely with President Karzai to ensure that his intent is met," she said. Karzai has previously made strong statements against certain military tactics, such as night raids, only to back away from them later.

If Karzai holds to what sounds like an order to international troops to abandon most airstrikes, it could bring the Afghan government into direct conflict with its international allies.

Karzai's spokesman said the president plans to stand firm on this issue, regardless of the fallout with NATO.

"The president was very clear today about the fact that bombardments on Afghan homes and Afghan civilians are unacceptable and must be stopped. There is no room for back and forth on this," Waheed Omar said. "The president was clear

in saying that any such strikes in the future will make the Afghan government react unilaterally."

NATO airstrikes target Taliban and other militants in towns and villages. The international force has scaled back such strikes because of worries that civilians could be inside targeted buildings, but has maintained that they are still an essential tool because they are often more precise and can be less costly in casualties on both sides than ground operations.

It is unclear if Karzai has the power to order an end to such strikes. NATO and American forces are in Afghanistan under a United Nations mandate. Negotiations between the United States and the Afghan government over the presence of U.S. forces have become contentious. Karzai has declared that he will put strict controls on how U.S. troops operate.

World

Assad grants amnesty for political 'crimes'

BEIRUT (AP)—Syrian President Bashar Assad issued a general amnesty Tuesday for prisoners that includes those deemed to have committed political "crimes" as pressure built from a 10-week-old uprising that his regime has failed to quell with overwhelming military force.

The offer was swiftly rejected by the opposition as just another plot by the regime to gain time.

Syrian state television said the amnesty covered "all members of political movements," including the outlawed Muslim Brotherhood, which led an armed uprising against Assad's father in 1982. Membership in the party is punishable by death.

The amnesty could affect some 10,000 people Syrian activists say have been rounded up since the protests against the Assad regime broke out in mid-March. The release of political prisoners has been a key demand of the opposition.

The offer came as members of the Syrian opposition gathered in Turkey for a conference aimed at overcoming differences and bolstering the protesters who have endured a bloody crackdown that has killed more than 1,000 civilians.

The opposition was quick to reject it.

"This shows weakness on the part of the regime," said Mohammad Abdullah, a Washington-based Syrian dissident who was attending the conference in Antalya, Turkey.

Abdullah, whose father, Ali Abdullah, is a well-known political prisoner, said the move would have been a good one had it come in the first week of the uprising, not after hundreds of protesters have been killed.

"The opposition now will accept nothing less than regime change," he said.

In Washington, the Obama



Syrians walk past a T-shirt with a portrait of Syrian President Bashar Assad with an Arabic word read: "we love you," at a popular market in downtown Damascus, Syria, on Monday, May 30, 2011.

administration expressed doubts over the amnesty offer and demanded that Assad prove to a skeptical world that he is serious about reform.

"He's said a lot of things in recent weeks and months, but we've seen very little concrete action," State Department spokesman Mark Toner told reporters. "It just underscores the fact that he needs to take concrete steps, not rhetoric, to address what's going on in the country."

Syria's Russian allies welcomed the move as a serious step toward reform. "Moscow pins high hopes on the opposition to take it as an invitation for talks," Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov was quoted as saying by the Itar-Tass news agency.

The Syrian state TV report said the amnesty covers "crimes committed before May 31" and reduces criminal sentences for

felony convictions in half unless a personal lawsuit is involved.

Assad's move was the latest in a series of reforms—including lifting a 40-year-old state of emergency and granting citizenship to stateless Kurds in eastern Syria—aimed at addressing the grievances of protesters.

But those moves have been accompanied by a ruthless military crackdown to try to quash the most serious challenge to the Assad family's 40-year rule. The government claims the uprising is the work of Islamic extremists and armed gangs.

Earlier Tuesday, a senior official of the ruling Baath Party signaled the government was ready to engage its opponents in a national dialogue, but refused to commit to constitutional changes that would allow challenges to Assad's autocratic rule.

Mohammad Said Bkheetan,

assistant secretary general of the ruling Baath party, said mechanisms for a national dialogue would be announced within the next 48 hours.

The offer echoes a similar call made by government officials at the start of the uprising, but the talks have failed to materialize.

Bkheetan said it was "premature" to talk about constitutional changes that would allow challenges to Assad in the 2014 presidential election.

He also indicated the regime was not ready to amend the portion of the constitution that declares the ruling Baath Party the leader of the state and society—a key opposition demand.

"We have told the opposition that there are ballot boxes. Once you hold the reins of power, and we become the opposition, then abrogate this article. Now there are other priorities," Bkheetan said.

to delay a formal response by up to a month. Karadzic's trial, which resumed Tuesday after a two-month recess, is still in its early stages.

Mladic has said he does not recognize the authority of the U.N. tribunal.

Mladic was extradited from Belgrade on a Serbian government executive jet earlier Tuesday, following his capture last Thursday at the home of a relative in a Serbian village. Judges in Belgrade rejected his appeal to delay his transfer on grounds of ill health, and the Serbian justice minister authorized his handover to U.N. officials in The Hague.

When he appears in court Mladic will be asked to formally confirm his identity and enter a plea to each of the charges against him. He also will be asked whether he has any complaints about the arrangements in the prison.

Like his old ally and political boss Radovan Karadzic three years ago, Mladic may decline to plead to the charges at his first appearance, instead opting

blue lights and an escort of two police helicopters.

In Belgrade, Justice Minister Snezana Malovic said the handover marked the fulfillment of Serbia's "international and moral obligation."

"Mladic is charged with the most serious crimes against humanity and the most serious violations of international humanitarian law," she said.

Mladic faces charges of genocide and other war crimes for atrocities committed by Serb troops under his command during Bosnia's 1992-95 war, including the notorious Srebrenica massacre in July of 1995 and the 44-month siege of the capital, Sarajevo.

Mladic's extradition brought a satisfied response from war victims.

North, south Sudan agree to a demilitarized border

JUBA, Sudan (AP)—North and south Sudan have agreed to establish a jointly patrolled demilitarized border zone between the two sides as the south prepares to declare independence in July, the African Union said Tuesday.

Such a buffer could lower the chances of an accidental north-south clash. But its implementation depends on the two sides reaching an agreement over the demarcation of the border, an issue that has long been contentious.

The deal could also be disrupted by other outstanding issues, such as the sharing of oil rights between north and south.

Also on Tuesday, Sudan informed the United Nations in New York that it wants the U.N. peacekeeping force to leave its territory when South Sudan becomes independent on July 9, stressing its commitment to peace with its new neighbor at a time of heightened tension.

AU adviser Alex de Waal, who has facilitated negotiations on security issues between Sudan's north and south regions, said the parties agreed Monday during talks in Ethiopia's capital to form a common, demilitarized zone stretching across the 1,300-mile (2,100-kilometer) north-south border. It's not yet known when the zone will go into effect.

The zone will stretch 6 miles (10 kilometers) north and south from the 1956 border,

the tentative line drawn when Sudan became independent from Britain, de Waal said.

De Waal told The Associated Press by phone from Addis Ababa that discussions over a third-party military monitoring body—a U.N. peacekeeping force, for instance—were still to come.

Col. Philip Aguer, spokesman for the south's army, said the southern military will support the agreement "100 percent" if both sides can agree where the actual border is.

"To me that is a good agreement, but the issue now is where is the border," he said.

North and south Sudan fought two civil wars off and on over more than four decades before signing a 2005 peace deal. But the sides' relations took a nosedive earlier this month when the northern Sudanese army invaded and seized the disputed border town of Abyei.

The military action came after months of building tensions between the two armies in Abyei, a fertile, oil-producing border zone which both the north and south claim. It sent an estimated 80,000 residents of the area running for their lives, fleeing into villages and towns in the southern state of Warrap, which is now experiencing what Western diplomats and U.N. humanitarian officials have called a perfect storm of factors resulting in food, fuel, and shelter shortages.

WORLD BRIEFS

Camps cleared in Haiti as hurricane season starts

PONT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP)—The mayor of a large city in the Haitian capital region has begun clearing out camps set up after last year's earthquake, evicting hundreds of people amid heavy rains and the start of the hurricane season on Wednesday.

Mayor Wilson Jeudy of Delmas city says the settlements—densely packed clusters of wooden shanties and tarps—have become staging areas for robberies, rapes and other crimes. But panicked residents say they have nowhere else to live or seek shelter. The area has seen weeks of punishing rain. "We don't know where we're going to go," said Elise Antoine, a 27-year-old who has been living on the grounds of Ecole Foyer Saint Famille since shortly after the January 2010 earthquake.

Chile's communists want Neruda's death probed

SANTIAGO, CHILE (AP)—Chile's Communist Party wants a formal investigation into the death of the country's revered poet Pablo Neruda, who officially died of cancer only days after the 1973 coup toppled his close friend, President Salvador Allende. Several witnesses have raised doubts about his death recently, including Neruda's driver, who says he was poisoned by government agents. Neruda died at the age of 69 on Sept. 23, 1973, 12 days after the coup. He had just published a withering criticism of Gen. Augusto Pinochet's dictatorship that eulogized Allende and accused Chile's soldiers of having betrayed their country. He'd won the Nobel Prize for Literature two years earlier, giving him great international prestige.

Mladic spending night in isolation at UN prison

THE HAGUE, Netherlands (AP)—Former Bosnian Serb military commander Ratko Mladic was placed in a U.N. detention unit Tuesday to await trial on genocide charges, 16 years after he was indicted in the killing of 8,000 Muslim men and boys in the worst massacre of civilians in Europe since World War II.

War crimes tribunal spokeswoman Nerma Jelacic said tribunal staff were handing Mladic his indictment and explaining the rules and procedures to him before placing him in an isolation cell for the night. She said isolation is standard for new arrivals at the prison.

Mladic also was being given a list of defense lawyers who could help him through the initial proceedings of the war crimes court. He would be examined by a doc-

tor and receive any treatment he may need before the end of the day, Jelacic said.

It was unclear when Mladic will appear in court for an initial appearance, but it must be within a few days. The chief prosecutor and top tribunal official scheduled a news conference for noon (1000GMT) Wednesday.

When he appears in court Mladic will be asked to formally confirm his identity and enter a plea to each of the charges against him. He also will be asked whether he has any complaints about the arrangements in the prison.

Like his old ally and political boss Radovan Karadzic three years ago, Mladic may decline to plead to the charges at his first appearance, instead opting

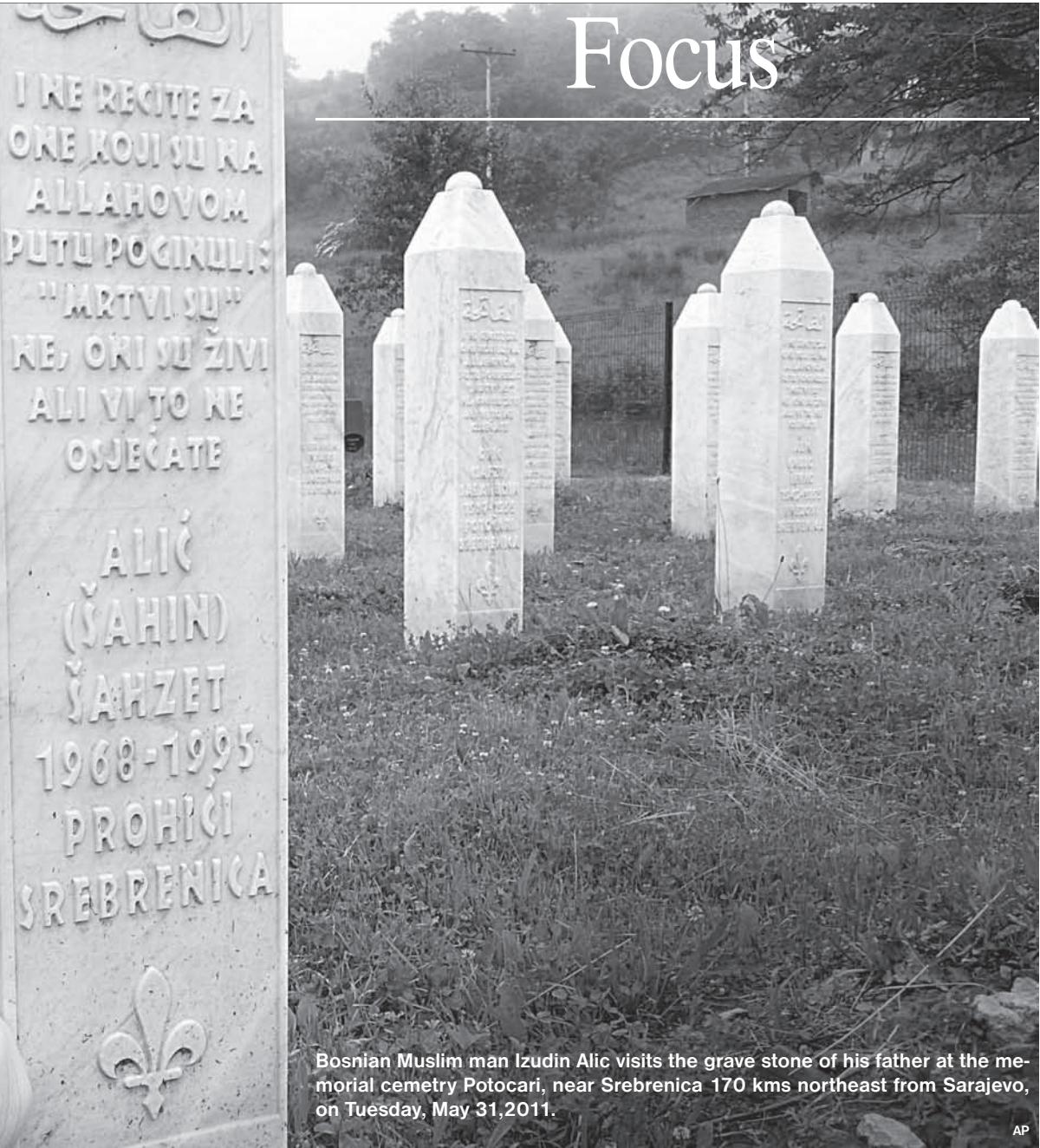
blue lights and an escort of two police helicopters.

In Belgrade, Justice Minister Snezana Malovic said the handover marked the fulfillment of Serbia's "international and moral obligation."

"Mladic is charged with the most serious crimes against humanity and the most serious violations of international humanitarian law," she said.

Mladic faces charges of genocide and other war crimes for atrocities committed by Serb troops under his command during Bosnia's 1992-95 war, including the notorious Srebrenica massacre in July of 1995 and the 44-month siege of the capital, Sarajevo.

Mladic's extradition brought a satisfied response from war victims.



Bosnian Muslim man Izudin Alic visits the grave stone of his father at the memorial cemetery Potocari, near Srebrenica 170 kms northeast from Sarajevo, on Tuesday, May 31, 2011.

AP

PROHICI, Bosnia-Herzegovina (AP)—The video horrified the world: a grinning Ratko Mladic patting a young Muslim boy on the head and assuring him everyone in the Srebrenica area would be safe—just hours before overseeing the murder of 8,000 men and boys.

The boy in the video is now a 24-year-old man. He clearly recalls the sunny day in July 1995 when he met the Bosnian Serb military commander who gave him chocolate.

"I was 8 and I didn't know what was going on or who Ratko Mladic was," Izudin Alic told The Associated Press in an exclusive interview Tuesday.

Mladic, 69, was captured last week by Serbian intelligence agents after 16 years on the run, and the U.N. war crimes tribunal in The Hague plans to try him on charges of genocide. Mladic was flown Tuesday to the Netherlands after judges rejected his appeal to block an extradition order.

In 1995, Alic was among thousands of Bosnian Muslims who fled to the Srebrenica area seeking protection from U.N. troops. That July evening, he joined other kids flocking to a field where they heard an important soldier was handing out chocolate.

"I went there with other children and took that chocolate bar from Ratko Mladic," said Alic, a lanky man with sunken eyes. "He asked me what my name was and I said 'Izudin.' I was not afraid. I was just focused on the chocolate."

Alic's grandfather had forbid-

den him to go, but he sneaked out of the factory where the family was hiding because he couldn't resist the lure of chocolate.

He was devouring it with gratitude while his father, Sahzet, was being hunted down by Mladic's men in the nearby woods. His father had fled the night before along with 15,000 other Srebrenica men, moving through mountains and minefields. Mladic's troops soon caught up with them.

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In the video, Mladic asked Alic his age, and Alic responded, "Twelve." He says he lied to

evacuation with his soldiers handing out chocolate to kids. appear older, not realizing the risks. The youngest known Srebrenica victim was 14.

The whereabouts of the boy in the video have been a mys-

tery for years, even though he clearly stated his name in the footage as Izudin. Some thought he was dead, others that he had emigrated. The Association of Mothers of Srebrenica even suggested at one point that reporters search for him among Srebrenica refugees in the United States.

The AP began searching for him last week after Mladic's capture.

A break came when the AP came across a group of young men who claimed to have been among the children given chocolate by Mladic. They identified the boy from the video as Alic, a Bosnian Muslim in the village of Prohici—and AP tracked him down there.

He and his mother, Fatima, showed an AP reporter family photo albums of Alic as a boy

bearing a striking resemblance to the youth in the video. He also was shown the famous video and identified himself as the youth patted on the head by Mladic.

The United Nations had declared the eastern Bosnian town of Srebrenica, besieged by Serbs throughout the conflict, a protected area for civilians. When Mladic's troops overran the enclave, 20,000 people flocked to the U.N. base outside Srebrenica for protection.

So did the Alic family—young Izudin, his two sisters, his mother and his grandfather.

When Serb troops reached the base, the outgunned and outnumbered Dutch peacekeepers never fired a shot, and Mladic's troops began separating out the men for execution.

The family returned to settle in Prohici, just outside Srebrenica, a few years after the war.

Alic earns a living as a construction worker and making sandwiches at a fast-food stand.

He often prays at his father's grave in the town's memorial center, where thousands of Mladic's victims—unearthed from mass graves—were finally laid to rest.

For Alic and his family, some solace came last week when Mladic was captured in a village north of Belgrade.

"I was glad," Alic said. "He should get the biggest sentence possible. He killed my father, my uncle and so many of our people."



This image from file video shows Bosnian Muslim boy Izudin Alic being patted on the head by a grinning Ratko Mladic in 1995 as Mladic assures him that everyone in Srebrenica, Bosnia, would be safe as other young Bosnian Muslims look on, just hours before overseeing the murder of some 8,000 men and boys.



Focus

Environment

In an ocean of noise, sea life faces new threat

By CRAIG WELCH
THE SEATTLE TIMES

SEATTLE—For a decade, marine biologists have been trying to unravel the subtle ways sonar may harm whales and dolphins, which hunt and travel using echolocation.

But experts peeling back the role of sound in the marine world are making surprising observations.

Alongside a boom in international shipping and deep-sea oil development, the ocean is growing ever-noisier and scientists are increasingly wary of sound's potential to impact sea life beyond just marine mammals.

Herring and cod appear to alter their swimming patterns in response to noise from ships. Schools of bluefin tuna scatter, with some diving and others rising to the surface. New studies suggest even small bumps in ocean noise may affect everything from damselfish and pollock to octopus and squid.

"The new research has been an eye-opener," said Jason Gedamke, who runs the National Marine Fisheries Service ocean-acoustics program.

The study of human-caused underwater noise pollution is in its infancy. For most creatures it's too soon to say how much is too much.

But the issue is capturing attention at high levels. Among the last acts of the top two science advisers in the George W. Bush White House was a report recommending a decadelong research plan to grasp the "biologically significant effects" of marine noise.

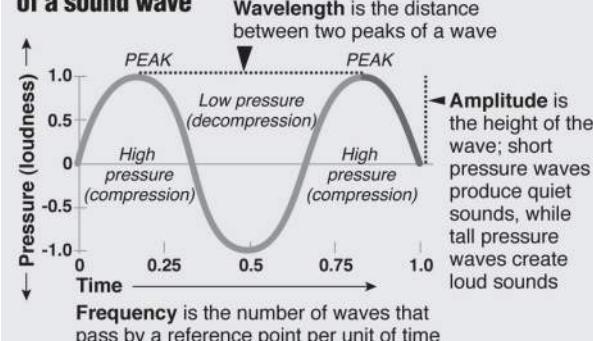
And last year, leading experts on the sea's auditory environment compared the potential harm from ocean noise to Rachel Carson's 1962 plea to curb the use of toxic pesticides.

"Studies on the impact of pesticides on birds ... have curbed the prophecy of a 'silent spring,'"

The noisy ocean

When a sound wave travels through the ocean, it radiates from the sound source in all directions. As the wave moves, it compresses and decompresses water molecules. Compressions and decompressions are detected by the inner ear as changes in pressure. Hydrophones are used to listen to underwater sounds by measuring this pressure change.

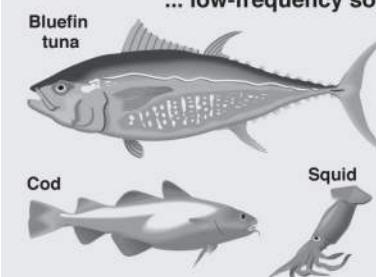
Components of a sound wave



Measuring underwater sound

Frequency of a sound wave is measured in cycles per second or hertz (Hz); to human ears, an increase in frequency is a higher pitch. Human hearing ranges between 20 to 20,000 Hz; below 20 Hz (infrasonic), sound has a longer wavelength and is felt as a vibration; above 20,000 Hz (ultrasonic), sound has a shorter wavelength; dolphins communicate and navigate in the 20,000-100,000 Hz range

Some animals potentially affected by... ... low-frequency sound



Source: NOAA; "A noisy spring: the impact of globally rising underwater sound levels on fish," by Hans Slabbekoorn, et al, 2010; "Low-frequency sounds induce acoustic trauma in cephalopods," by Michel Andre, et al, 2011

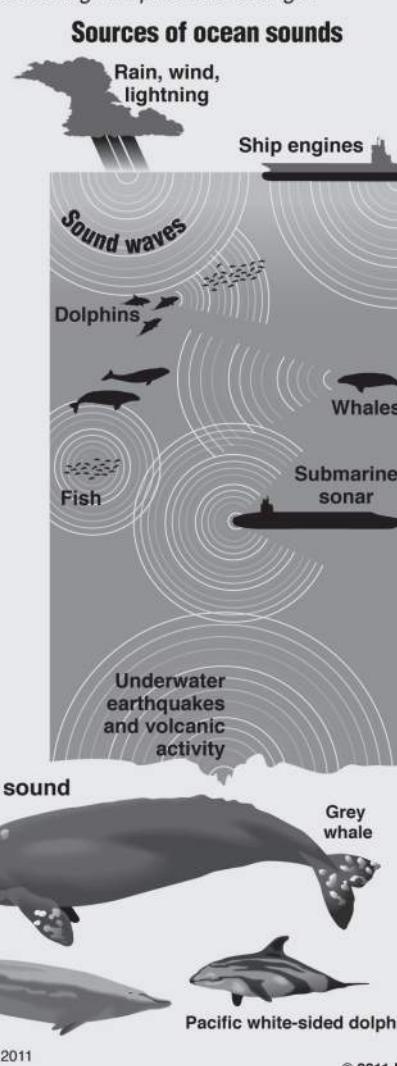
"they wrote. More noise research will provide "a better alternative to waiting to see what happens to fish in the dim future of a 'noisy spring.'"

In the last decade, beaked whales washed ashore with bleeding around the brain shortly after exposure to mid-frequency sonar. Researchers figured out that stranded bottlenose and rough-toothed dolphins often were nearly deaf. Dall's porpoises and killer whales were found to alter travel patterns during Navy exercises in Haro Strait.

Environmentalists repeatedly sued the Navy, but the precise science behind the impact on whales was often elusive.

Only this spring did new research finally suggest, for example, that Navy sonar may mimic sounds produced by predatory killer whales. That may drive prey like beaked whales away from feeding areas—and send them rocketing to the surface, giving them the equivalent of the bends.

But this acoustic war over mid-frequency sonar masked another emerging issue.



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At least 800 species of fish hear and produce sounds, either while fighting or competing for food or when courting or spawning. Some, like herring and shad, can detect ultrasound, which may be how they avoid hungry whales. Even sharks, considered poor listeners, follow sounds, perhaps when they resemble noises made by wounded prey.

The noise pollution emanating from shipping lanes has increased more than tenfold since the early 1960s. And while higher-frequency sonar may

be discreet, damaging event, "it's that consistent, ubiquitous exposure that may be the most concerning," she said.

Pumping up the volume of background noise has well-known physiological effects on humans. It can alter hormone levels and increase blood pressure, and prompt us to change our behavior. Same, too, with some fish, which boost the release of the stress hormone cortisol in response to white noise.

"The analogy I use, having

grown up in New York City, is

when you see someone jack-

hammering a sidewalk, do you

go out of your way to walk

around it or do you just walk

right by," said Art Popper, a

biology professor who runs the

aquatic bioacoustics lab at the

University of Maryland.

The impact of sound varies by

species. Goldfish have excellent

hearing. Salmon and trout don't.

Humpback, fin whales, right

whales and bowhead generally

flee all types of noise. But how

important a sign is that, really?

Does it mean animals are driven

from important feeding or mat-

ing grounds, or is it merely a

nuisance?

A chief concern is the potential

for "auditory masking." Killer

whales, for example, have been shown to raise their voices when their group-specific calls are being drowned out by noise.

But is that as harmless as humans talking a little louder—or is it the equivalent of regularly screaming at the top range?

"Is there an energetic cost to all of this?" Holt asked.

Scientists don't really know.

One of the most dramatic findings came just last month, when Spanish researchers captured cuttlefish, squid and octopus and exposed them to low-frequency sounds at low-intensity—similar to what may be found in shipping lanes. The animals developed lesions in nerve fibers within their sensory systems.

"What was surprising was just how massive the trauma was, and at small levels of exposure," said scientist Michel Andre, at Technical University of Catalonia in Barcelona, Spain.

It was the first evidence of significant harm to an invertebrate species that plays a key role in the ocean food chain.

"It was a cool first step. I think most people didn't really expect that," Mooney said. "But they made some mistakes. It needs to be repeated."

Popper was more blunt. The researchers, he said, made so many errors that he can't trust the findings.

But Popper agreed the impact of noise on cephalopods like squid is a significant unanswered question. "It's really important," he said.

Popper is focused largely on fish, studying noise impacts on them in lakes and rivers.

"The results I'm getting so far is that fish may be hurt a little, but it's more like getting a cut on your finger," Popper said.

Will that always be the case?

"I don't know," Popper said. "I don't know whether or not to be concerned because I don't have the data."

At least not yet.

By TERRI BENNETT
MCLATCHY NEWSPAPERS

Lots of us so-called "greenies" have a few skeletons in the closet. I'm not talking about things that would have the police racing to our door, I'm talking about things that would make a few environmentalists shake their heads with disappointment. I'm exposing a few of these secrets (and sharing one of my own!) in the hopes that we can all do a bit better. Do Your Part and reveal your eco-secrets and then pledge to tread a little lighter on our planet.

ARE YOU A RECYCLER ONLY WHEN IT'S CONVENIENT?

Lots of us are rightfully proud of our recycling records. We know which yogurt containers, cereal boxes, magazines, and more can go right into the recycling bin. However, does everything that could be recycled from our homes end up in the recycling bin? Probably not. That's because items from

What's your dirty eco-secret?

rooms farthest away from our recycling bin usually get trashed. Think about those shampoo bottles, shaving cream containers, and all that packaging material from personal care products. So what's the solution? Placing small containers in the bathroom to collect these recyclable items. That way, the only time you have to go all the way to the big recycling bin is when the little one is full.

ARE HIGH-TECH GADGETS YOUR WEAKNESS?

Okay, okay—I admit it. I am a gadget junkie. I can't seem to help myself from getting the latest phone, tablet, or laptop despite the fact that my older one works perfectly well. So what happens when millions of people around the world do the same thing? It's what we're seeing right now—the huge rise in the amount of e-waste. Electronic waste is downright dangerous because of the toxic

components in most of them that can seep into our environment when they are dumped in a landfill. The best bet is to use our gadgets for a whole lot longer. It saves money and resources. Once you do upgrade, be responsible with your old device. To find out information on responsible e-waste recyclers that may even pay for your gadget, go to DoYourPart.com/Columns.

ARE YOU STILL BUYING BOTTLED WATER?

A lot of money and a whole lot of plastic are wasted from those "convenient" bottles of water. They're everywhere—in school lunches, outdoor events, work meetings, and ultimately in the trash or recycling bin. The thing is, there are very few times when they are a necessity. So what can you do? Invest in a few reusable water bottles for every member of the family. If you're worried about what's in the tap water you're using, get a water filter. You'll

be surprised at the money you'll save when you break the bottled water habit.

ARE YOU A PURCHASER OF PAPER TOWELS?

Do you have paper towels stashed around your house? Are you like so many others and addicted to these one-use items? Take it from me—you can live without them. The benefits are big. For one, you'll be saving money. And, you'll be saving a whole lot of energy and generating less pollution. A more economical solution is to keep dishcloths, rags, and other towels in a convenient kitchen drawer. It's much more cost-effective and resource-effective to launder them than it is to throw away a paper towel after every use.

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Life & Style

Go the bleep to sleep, dad writes in best-seller

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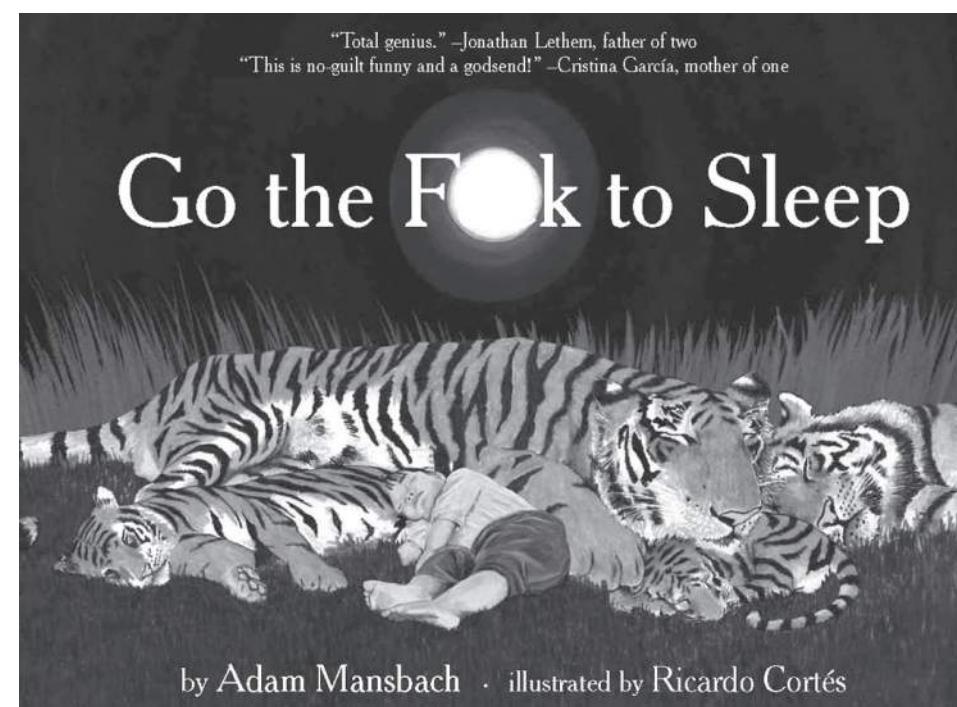
NEW YORK (AP)—Playing dress up or running around the park, kids can be so darn cute. Until it's 3 a.m. and they won't go the (bleep) to sleep.

The F-bomb plea on the minds of every parent at one point or another is the title of a buzz magnet of a book parody written in kid-friendly rhyme. Beware, parents, it's decidedly unworthy of a bedtime readaloud.

Not yet out, the 32-pager from a tiny Brooklyn publisher has hit No. 1 on Amazon.com and has sold more than 100,000 copies in pre-orders since it surfaced less than a month ago. After bootleg copies leaked, Akashic Books moved up publication from October to June 14, for the U.S. Father's Day.

Film rights have already been sold, though adaptation should be intriguing. A British publisher, Canongate, is putting out the book simultaneously with U.S. release, including the former commonwealth countries of Australia, India and South Africa. Publishers in China are interested. How does the F-bomb translate, anyway?

All this for what amounts to a lament put to picture book illustrations (by Ricardo Cortés) at a suggested retail price of \$14.95. Here's a sample: "All the kids in day care are in dreamland. The froggie has made its last leap. Hell no, you can't go to the bathroom. You know where you can



by Adam Mansbach · illustrated by Ricardo Cortés

go? The (bleep) to sleep."

Only the book uses the real word in full. A lot. On just about every page, in fact, with other bad words thrown in for good measure.

The spoof was written by novelist and poet Adam Mansbach, whose 3-year-old, Vivien, used to be a night owl but has turned the corner on the sleep thing.

Mansbach, who just completed two years as a visiting professor at Rutgers, is as stunned as anyone at the

raw nerve he has touched with humor among parents and people who buy gifts for parents—and for petrified parents-in-waiting.

"Initially the audience was me and my wife," he said. "It captures the frustration of being in a room with a kid and feeling like you may actually never leave that room again, that you may spend the rest of your life in that dark room, trying to get your kid to go to sleep."

Mansbach had John Murphy at

hello. The computer engineer in Lebanon, New Hampshire, plans to give the book to a friend who's about to become a dad.

"Yup, the buzz got me," Murphy said. "I actually don't have any kids myself, so maybe it's cruel of me, but I hear him getting some rather gleeful warnings from people who already have kids about how he can kiss goodbye his sleep and free time. I thought a little levity might be appreciated."

Mansbach admits that when it comes to bedtime, he's not exactly on par with his partner, Victoria. "I probably only put my daughter to sleep 25 percent of the time. I should come clean about that," he said.

But he still knows of what he writes. Like so many kids, Vivien's brain "couldn't spin down, so she would lie there and all this stuff she heard during the day or the week, or in the last six months, would sort of bubble up," he said.

"There were those moments, when she's not rolling around, sitting up," Mansbach continued. "Her breathing got slow and I'd convince myself, this is it. Then I'd make that fatal mistake, trying to sneak out early. You know

you shouldn't, but you really want to get out of there. And she'd wake up."

Is he a parenting manual person? What about sleep training? Crying it out? Modified crying it out?

Not for Vivien, Mansbach said. "We were certainly aware of that but we could never really bring ourselves to do it." Turns out the sleep thing cleared when his toddler dropped her nap.

Brad Wilkening in Chicago is about to become a dad for the first time. Surrounded by people delivering horror stories, he ordered the book for a laugh. "It almost seems like there's some gang initiation phase to parenthood," he said. "I like things that are over-the-top funny."

Vivien may be sleeping just fine, but Mansbach said he's still not getting enough shut-eye. "At this point it's this crazy book keeping me awake."

Twisted kid-book parodies aren't new. In 1969, there was a Harvard Lampoon send-up of "Lord of the Rings" called "Bored of the Rings."

Since 2008, the Margaret Wise Brown and Clement Hurd picture book classic "Goodnight Moon" has been treated to "Goodnight Bush," as in George W. Bush, and "Goodnight Goon," featuring a little werewolf "in the cold gray tomb with a black lagoon."

On pre-order right now with Mansbach's book is the July 1 release "Goodnight Keith Moon." He was an F-bomb lovin' drummer, kids. In a rock band called The Who.

DEATH & FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Antonio Santos Arriola

April 29, 1934 – May 26, 2011

In His New Life, He now joins His:

Wife: Cecilia Aguon Arriola

Children: Candido A. Arriola

Vicente A. Arriola

Parents: Vicente San Miguel Arriola

& Avelina Santos Arriola

Parents In-Law: Vicente Babauta Aguon & Ana Muna Aguon

Jose S. Arriola

His memories will forever live in the hearts of his:

Wife: Josie Escarlan Arriola

Miguel A. Arriola

Francisca A. & Ramon T. Sablan

Jesus A. & Violy C. Arriola

Avelina A. & Mar Cruz

Francisco A. Arriola/Patricia Santos

Mariano A. & Judy Z. Arriola

Jose A. Arriola/Tina Fujihira

Antonio A. & Lorraine T. Arriola

Maria A. & Newly Agulto

John Wayne E. Arriola

Jayson E. Arriola

Brother: Jesus S. Arriola/Elphidia

He is additionally survived by numerous Grandchildren, Great Grandchildren, Brothers/Sisters in-laws, Nieces, and Nephews.

Mass of Intention is being said nightly at 6:00PM followed immediately by the Holy Rosary at San Antonio Church.

On Friday, June 3, 2011, his body will be escorted from the Borja Funeral Home to San Antonio Church at 7:30AM followed by the Responso and Holy Rosary.

Public Viewing will be from 8:00AM – 9:30AM. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10:00AM followed by interment at Chalan Kanoa Cemetery.

Your thoughts and prayers are greatly appreciated.

Thank You – Si Yu'us Ma'ase

Josie E. Arriola, Children, and Families

With Sincere Gratitude

"All the pain and grief is over,
every restless tossing passed;
I am now at peace forever, safely
home in Heaven at last."

We, the family of the late

#Raymond Indalecio Palacios

July 05, 1960 – May 13, 2011

Wish to express a sincere and heartfelt "Thank You" to all our families, relatives, and friends. Your thoughtfulness and unselfish support in expressing your sympathy and condolences have greatly helped us to endure the grief and sorrow of our loss. Your presence with us at the nightly rosaries and during the Mass of Christian Burial has given us strength to carry on each day. We thank you so much. As you have remembered our beloved "Bo and Memong". In your prayers, please be assured that we will also remember you and your loved ones in ours.

Our gratitude to Ms. Marcy P. Cepeda for her tireless efforts and the Kantaye Kristo Rai Choir. To Tiana Reyes for rendering a beautiful song, to Margaret C. Dela Cruz and Frank Cabrera for the music provided to our beloved on his funeral day and Eucharistic Celebration. To the doctors, Nurses and staff of CHC, FHP, Asian Hospital and Medical Referral Offices of Saipan, Guam and Philippines for the care and compassion extended to our beloved. Our sincere appreciation too to Louis Vuitton Micronesia staff and Management, Torres Brothers and Family, Camacho Family, Cabrera Family, Tenorio Family, Sablan Family and Abet & Josie.

May God bless us All.

Thank you – Si Yu'us Ma'ase
Ruby R. Palacios & Children
Maria I. Palacios, Children & Family

Bin Laden's death boosts Navy SEAL museum in Fla.

FORT PIERCE, Fla. (AP)—The biggest attraction at the Navy SEALs' national museum isn't memorialized in any artifact or mentioned in any display. But that doesn't keep visitors from asking.

The May 2 killing of Osama bin Laden at the hands of SEALs has brought a spike in visitors to the National Navy UDT-SEAL Museum, seeking a behind-the-scenes glimpse of how the mission was pulled off. Attendance has roughly tripled since the raid, visitors are pummeling docents with questions and people wanting to express their gratitude have flooded the museum with letters of thanks.

"They're hoping to get ground truth here," said Michael Howard, the museum's executive director and a former SEAL.

Visitors hankering for an in-depth look at the raid likely

won't get what they're looking for—not yet at least. But the museum's history of the SEALs and their predecessors gives a glimpse into their secretive world, and the type of men called to conduct such a mission.

The museum is built at the birthplace of the SEALs. From 1943 to 1946, Fort Pierce was home to a makeshift training encampment for Naval Combat Demolition Teams and Underwater Demolition Teams, the forerunners to the SEALs. The 26-year-old museum chronicles that history from the start.

Mannequins are dressed in uniforms worn by the elite squads through the years, cases memorialize their most notable members, and weapons and equipment from the past 60 years are contained throughout. Outside, there is a Huey



In this May 24, 2011 photo, a statue of a frogman stands outside the entrance to the Navy UDT-SEAL Museum in Fort Pierce, Fla.

open a new wing—more than twice the size of the original building—which its staff hopes to focus on the post-9/11 world of the SEALs. It's tentatively slated to open with temporary exhibits by Veterans Day. The museum is trying to raise \$1.5 million to create permanent exhibits it hopes will be on display a year later.

What the new building may contain of the bin Laden raid is not yet known. But the museum's staff isn't all that comfortable with the immense exposure given the SEALs since the mission was accomplished. Howard thinks it was a mistake to disclose who conducted the raid, much less all of the other details divulged by Washington.

As SEALs, Howard said, "You're OK operating in the dark, figuratively and literally. I think most guys are uncomfortable with the frenzy lately."

Still, Howard recognizes for good or for bad, the bin Laden raid is bringing more attention to the museum. Right now, only the gift shop appears to be overtly taking advantage, with T-shirts for sale that say "The Last Thing Going Through Usama bin Laden's Mind Were Navy SEAL Bullets."

How the museum will adapt to the post-bin Laden world and its own expansion remains to be seen. What Howard hopes is that visitors will take away the commitment and sacrifices of the men who have made the cut. They have been called Frogmen and Demos and SEALs and come from all walks of life, he said, but in many ways are the same.

"The essence of the guy that they were looking for in World War II is a carbon copy of the guy they're looking for now," he said.

helicopter, mini submarines and even the lifeboat from the SEALs' daring rescue of a cargo ship captain from the hands of pirates two years ago.

Cases are filled with antiquated life jackets, gauges and breathing devices, and other items, including a tattered Japanese flag and a surrender document signed by the head of the Imperial Army at the end of World War II.

For now, the museum is heavy on the decades-past story of the SEALs, in places like the World War II battles of Normandy, Okinawa and Iwo Jima. But the stories of the men of those earlier years of the squad are perhaps most inspiring because they had so little history—and technology—on their side.

"We had junk," said Chuck Thiess, the head docent and a former member of a UDT team. "We didn't have any manuals,

we didn't have anything to go by, but it was fabulous."

The stories of men like Thiess are what bring this museum to life. He knew he wanted to be a Navy diver and even today, he swims frequently. Sometimes, he'll even put his underwater skills to test, though he can't hold his breath for nearly the three-plus minutes he did in his younger days.

"I challenge my grandchildren every now and again and sometimes I'll whip 'em," said Thiess, who at 81, grips a wooden cane in his left hand and sports a faded tattoo of an anchor on his right forearm.

The very idea of a museum devoted to the secretive SEALs baffles some. Howard says he constantly asks himself "Is this acceptable? Are we saying too much here?" when designing exhibits.

The museum is preparing to

DC Comics to relaunch most titles at No. 1

PHILADELPHIA (AP)—DC Comics is going back to the starting point in September, renumbering its entire lineup of DC Universe titles with No. 1 and retooling nearly all of its major characters, including Superman, Batman, Wonder Woman, The Flash, Aquaman and Green Lantern.

At the same time, the company, which has been publishing comics for 76 years, also said it would start selling digital copies of its printed ongoing superhero titles through apps and a website the same day they're released in comic shops, a move dubbed by the industry as day-and-date sales. That will affect the company's superhero titles.

That means DC is joining a movement already embraced by Archie Comics, which began same-day digital and print sales in April, along with other smaller publishers.

DC's rival, Marvel Comics, has not yet implemented such a move but has routinely held more market share every year since 2002, based on sales statistics from Diamond Comic Distributors.

USA Today reported that DC's move will start with the first issue of "Justice League" No. 1 in September, which will reunite the classic lineup of Superman, Batman, Wonder Woman, The Flash, Aquaman and Green Lantern.

The newspaper reported that

52 issues, all starting at No.

1, will be released starting at the end of the summer. "Justice League" is the first and will be written by DC's chief creative officer Geoff Johns and illustrated by co-publisher Jim Lee, the first time the pair have collaborated together, the company said.

Lee has also designed the costumes of more than 50 characters, the paper reported.

In a note to direct-market retailers, Bob Wayne, senior vice president for sales, said by rebooting the superhero titles and moving to day-and-date digital sales, DC was positioning itself to let readers experience characters in a new light.

"We have taken great care in maintaining continuity where most important, but fans will

see a new approach to our storytelling," he said in the letter. "Some of the characters will have new origins, while others will undergo minor changes. Our characters are always being updated; however, this is the first time all of our characters will be presented in a new way all at once."

It remains to be seen if the

renumbering will affect such

long-published titles like Action

Comics, which reached No. 900

this year, and Detective Comics,

which is at No. 877.

Some of DC's titles are al-

ready available digitally through

apps and in March it joined Co-

mixology's Digital Storefront

Affiliate program, which lets

shops sell digital comics along

with printed copies.

The move comes after the conclusion of the company's epic "Flashpoint" mini-series, also penned by Johns, that has changed the face of the DC Universe and made some well-known characters into different versions of their normal, and entrenched, personalities.

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Amazon's gamble gives Lady Gaga 1M in album sales

NEW YORK (AP)—Lady Gaga sold more than 1.1 million copies of her new album "Born This Way" and set a digital sales record last week—with an assist from Amazon.com.

Billboard announced Tuesday that "Born This Way" debuted at No. 1 on its Billboard 200 album chart, becoming just the 17th album to sell a million copies in its first week since SoundScan started tracking sales in 1991 and the top-selling digital debut.

The dance pop provocateur is just the fifth female with an album that sold more than a million copies in the SoundScan era.

Lady Gaga's first No. 1 album sold the most copies of any debut since March 2005 when 50 Cent's "The Massacre" sold 1.14 million. The last million-selling album was Taylor Swift's "Speak Now" in November.

Amazon's attention-grabbing download price of 99 cents last Tuesday and Thursday helped drive "Born This Way" to an unprecedented 662,000 in digital sales, pushing the album to nearly three times initial estimates by Universal Music Group. Amazon sold more than 440,000 of those copies alone, but with mixed results.



AP Singer Lady Gaga performs on ABC's 'Good Morning America' in Central Park on Friday, May 27, 2011 in New York.

The online retailer did grab the spotlight it had hoped in its battle for a larger piece of the online market, which is dominated by Apple's iTunes. But it came with an image hit when customers overwhelmed Ama-

zon's system.

Amazon's move has been deemed controversial by some observers who say the steep loss of several dollars an album was not worth the investment. Physical outlets also were upset

at the advantage given to an online retailer.

Dramatic price cuts are nothing new for Amazon, which regularly trims new and popular album prices to as low as \$2.99 through its daily deal program.

NBC's 'The Voice' scores post-Super Bowl slot

LOS ANGELES (AP)—NBC's new hit series "The Voice" is getting the choice post-Super Bowl spot next year, the network said Tuesday.

It announced that a special edition of "The Voice" will air Feb. 5 after the NFL championship game. NBC Entertainment Chairman Bob Greenblatt called the post-game slot

the best showcase on TV and said the singing contest deserves the exposure.

The network's early decision regarding an event eight months away represents a vote of confidence in the freshman program.

"The Voice" features judges Christina Aguilera, Cee Lo Green, Adam Levine and Blake Shelton and the gim-

pick of initially picking contestants sight unseen. It's been a bright spot for struggling NBC, scoring as the season's top-rated new series among young adults and a draw among all viewers.

The series has the right "mass appeal" to match up with the Super Bowl, the year's biggest sports event, Greenblatt said.

"The Voice" debuted in April and wraps the season at the end of June.

While "The Voice" has secured the Super Bowl slot, there's uncertainty over the NFL schedule because of a labor dispute that led to the team owners' lockout of players.

A federal court hearing on the issue was scheduled this week.

SHOWBIZ TIDBITS

Michael J. Fox withdraws from Iowa pro-am

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP)—A back injury has forced actor Michael J. Fox to withdraw from the Principal Charity Classic pro-am golf event in West Des Moines this week. Fox had been expected to tee off at the Glen Oaks Country Club on Wednesday. The Des Moines Register reported Tuesday that tournament spokeswoman Joelle Kirchhoff says Fox has decided against making the trip after hurting his back. He competed in the tournament in 2009. The Principal Charity Classic, a Champions Tour Event, runs from Friday through Sunday at Glen Oaks.

Musical based on novel 'Carrie' returns from dead

NEW YORK (AP)—The story of "Carrie," that weird high school girl who exacts revenge on bullies with her telekinetic powers, is coming back to a New York stage. MCC Theater said Tuesday that it will remount the musical based on the 1974 Stephen King novel in January. It will be the first time the show has been professionally produced since its 1988 Broadway flop. The title role will be played by Molly Ranson, who's on Broadway in "Jerusalem." Marin Mazzie from "Next to Normal" will play her nasty mother. MCC says the show's original authors—music by Michael Gore, lyrics by Dean Pitchford and a story by Lawrence D.

Cohen—will take another stab at forming the musical. They'll have a new director in Stafford Arima.

Box-office revenue and attendance jump on Broadway

NEW YORK (AP)—Box-office revenue and attendance both jumped this season on Broadway. The Broadway League said Tuesday that grosses from May 2010 to May 2011 went up 5.9 percent from last season and attendance was up 5.4 percent from the 2009-2010 season. The 42 shows that opened this season earned \$1.08 billion and attendance reached 12.5 million. Last season, the gross was \$1.02 billion and the number of theatergoers was 11.89 million. The statistics have an asterisk next to them: To account for variances in the calendar year, a 53rd week is added every seven years and this season is one of them. That means the latest figures are based on a 53-week season, while last year's numbers were from a 52-week season. But this season is still ahead when the 52-week marks are compared.

Dallas nightclub patron sues comedian Andy Dick

DALLAS (AP)—A Texas man is suing comedian Andy Dick over his December performance at a Dallas nightclub. Robert Tucker claims he suffered emotional distress and defamation as a result of an alleged

incident in which Dick exposed his genitals while walking through the audience. The suit filed May 10 also names a talent agency that represents the comedian and the club where he performed. It says they should have known Dick's "long history of assaulting patrons." The lawsuit cites Dick's January 2010 arrest on felony sexual abuse charges, after allegations he groped a bouncer and patron at a Huntington, W. Va., bar, as well as other incidents. Court documents don't list an attorney for Dick. His attorney in the West Virginia case didn't immediately return a call from The Associated Press.

Writer Nora Roberts gives \$100K to Md. college

WESTMINSTER, Md. (AP)—Nora Roberts' foundation is giving \$100,000 to a college in Maryland and the school says it will offer an academic minor in romance literature and start a writing course in the genre. McDaniel College in Westminster said Tuesday it has received the money. President Roger Casey says the college aims to raise the profile of romance novels. He says serious study of the subject will reinforce Roberts' reputation as a master and champion of the craft. The school also will build a library collection of American romance literature, including all of Roberts' more than 200 novels. And the college will hold an international conference on romance novels in November.

Dad's homework help gets passing grade from readers

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE

DEAR ABBY: I'm writing regarding the letter from "Not Fooled in Michigan" (April 22), who expressed concern about her fiance's daughter's reliance on him to proofread her college papers. As a teacher, I know when I assign a paper that the spelling and grammar will likely be checked by a computer or a person other than a student. Whether it's the campus proofreading service or a parent is immaterial. Would "Fooled" have the same "ethical" objections if "Kimberly" were using the campus office to provide the same service?

What matters is the content of her essays, which the girl is apparently writing by herself -- and incidentally, completing in enough time to send them to a proofreader and await a response. That suggests a more developed sense of responsibility than is common among my students.

I see no ethical dilemma here, and I find it disingenuous of "Not Fooled" to suggest otherwise. As for Kimberly's "unhealthy" reliance on her dad, the aforementioned campus services are, in my experience, generally staffed with underpaid undergraduates or overworked teaching assistants. If her dad has the knowledge and time to assist her, I see nothing wrong with her asking for his help. That's not over-reliance on a parent. It's choosing the best of one's available options.

TEXAS TEACHER WHO KNOWS

DEAR TEACHER: Thank you for writing. I received a huge number of responses to that letter -- from teachers, parents and students alike. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: The fiancee needs to determine which class the papers are for before calling foul. If it's a composition class in which the student is graded on spelling and grammar, then no, Dad shouldn't fix them, but he can advise. It's called being a parent, and "Not Fooled" better become accustomed to the idea of sharing his attention.

If it's something like a history class, editing assistance shouldn't be a problem. All good writers have editors to help with mechanics because after looking at a piece for too long, you no longer see the errors.

CYNDI IN OHIO

DEAR ABBY: As a college student, I frequently read papers by students whose grammar training was less rigorous than mine. The university does not consider that cheating, and we are advised by our professors to do so. It is not their job to teach us grammar. They are trying to teach their material.

"Not Fooled" needs to relax, get a better understanding of today's university system, and learn to trust her future stepdaughter while encouraging parent-child communication.

HANNAH IN CHICAGO

DEAR ABBY: I'm a 43-year-old college student. I always send my siblings my essays before I turn them in, not just to proofread, but for their opinions of my writing. I would bet this is why the daughter sends her work to her father.

My daughter is still in high school, but I hope she continues to seek my opinion on her essays in the future. It has prompted many valuable and intriguing discussions, some of which have helped us to understand each other better as she transitions to adulthood. There's nothing "unhealthy" about an 18-to-22-year-old college student asking her dad to help with a paper. What's unhealthy is a future stepmom taking issue with it. It appears she has some underlying jealousy.

MOM GRADUATING WITH HER KID

DEAR ABBY: Perhaps the daughter is simply making her father feel useful by including him in her life with this simple act. His fiancee should become more involved in the parenting process if she intends to stick her nose there. I can think of worse situations than this example of a parent being a parent. I wish there were more dads like him.

RACHAEL IN SOUTHWEST GEORGIA

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OF ADOPTION		CIVIL
FOR:		ACTION
L.M.R.		NO.
Minor Child,		11-0234
By		NOTICE
CHIMAOU RAEUPI		OF
AND ROSA RAEUPI,		HEARING
Petitioners.		

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a Petition for Adoption for the above-named minor child by Chimaou Ruaeipi and Rosa Ruaeipi Petitioners, was filed with the above-entitled Honorable Court.

A HEARING of said petition will be held at the above-entitled Honorable Court at Guma Hustisia Building, Susupe, Saipan, NMI, on the 11th day of July, 2011 at 1:30pm in Courtroom #217A or as soon as thereafter.

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In The Matter of)	FCD-AD-CIVIL
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C.M.,)	NO. 11-0197
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By:)	HEARING
JULIE SUDA and)	
KONTARO SUDA,)	
Petitioner(s).	

Notice is hereby given that the above-entitled matter is set for a hearing June 13, 2011 at 1:30pm in Courtroom 217A, before the Associate Judge Perry B. Inos.

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James scores 24, Heat take Game 1 over Dallas

MIAMI (AP)—Dwyane Wade's night began with a hug for his mom. It ended with an embrace from LeBron James.

Nearby, Chris Bosh held up three fingers.

No explanation necessary. The Miami Heat are three wins from the reason why the Big Three came together in the first place.

James scored 24 points for his first win in five NBA finals games, Wade scored 15 of his 22 points in the second half and the Heat beat the Dallas Mavericks 92-84 in Game 1 of the title series on Tuesday night—holding the Western Conference champions to their lowest point total of the playoffs after a dominant defensive showing down the stretch.

"Feels good because it's the first game and we played well as a team," James said. "We've got a lot of work to do. ... That's one in the books. We're excited about this game. Tomorrow we prepare for Game 2, and I see ways we can get better."

Dirk Nowitzki scored 27 points—tearing a tendon in the middle finger on his left, non-shooting, hand during the game and revealing afterward that he'll likely wear a splint throughout the remainder of the series—and grabbed eight rebounds for Dallas, which got 16 points and 10 rebounds from Shawn Marion and 12 points from Jason Terry, most of those coming in an early flurry. It was Dallas' fifth straight loss to Miami in finals games, dating to the Heat rally for the 2006 crown.

Dallas held the Heat to 39 percent shooting, Miami's second-worst showing of the playoffs.

Problem was, the Mavericks shot 37 percent—by far, their worst night of the postseason offensively.

"You hold a team to 38 percent shooting and 92 points, for us, that's usually a victory," Marion said.

Sure enough, Dallas had been 7-2 when holding teams to those kind of numbers this season. Game 2 is Thursday in Miami.

"We're a veteran team," said Nowitzki, who had a postgame X-ray on the finger that was injured when he was stripping the ball from Bosh. "You can't get down with a loss. You've got to come back strong on Thursday. I've said it a couple times in this playoff run, if you're the road team, you're happy with a split. So we've got another opportunity on Thursday to get one. Obviously, we don't want to go home down 0-2."

Wade's 3-pointer with 3:06 left put the Heat up 82-73, then the largest lead of the game for either team. The Mavs shaved two points off it on the next possession when Nowitzki hit two free throws,



the Magic and Lakers in Game 2 in 2009, and the 31 posted by the Jazz and Bulls in 1998's Game 3 along with the Lakers and Celtics in 1969's Game 4.

Everyone was struggling, maybe a little because of nerves, and mostly to do with the defensive intensity on both ends. James was 3 for 6 in the first quarter, while the rest of the Heat were 3 for 15. Half of Dallas' four first-quarter baskets were 3-pointers by Jason Kidd, the team's 38-year-old point guard searching for his first NBA title.

And the Mavericks had one—that's right, one—2-point basket in the game's first 15:49, with 10 of their first 18 field goal attempts coming from 3-point range.

"We really didn't play well at all tonight," Terry said. "First quarter, 17 points and third quarter, 17—that's not our style of basketball. Give them credit. They disrupted our tempo and they finished at the end."

Dallas opened the third quarter by scoring seven quick points, all on jumpers, the burst ending with DeShawn

Stevenson's 3-pointer with 10:03 remaining in the period—pushing the Mavericks' lead to 51-43 and silencing a building that was still refilling after halftime.

"He had three days to shoot that and we didn't get anybody near him," Spoelstra said.

That was quickly fixed, and the rest of the third was largely all Miami.

"For the most part, we think we had chances to get a hold of this game," Marion said. "And we let it get out of our hands."

The Heat outscored Dallas 22-10 in the remainder of the quarter. Wade started the rally—just as he did in a series-saving effort for Miami in Game 3 of the '06 finals, giving the memorable "Nah, I ain't going out like this" quote afterward—with two layups. And James beat the clock at the end of the period with an off-balance 3-pointer from near the Dallas bench for a 65-61 Miami lead.

"It's one game, and that's it," Spoelstra said. "We're already moving on."

Blatter acknowledges FIFA faces problems



ZURICH (AP)—President Sepp Blatter acknowledged that

corruption scandals have left FIFA "shaking on its foundations" on the eve of an election which should give him four more years to overcome the turmoil that has soiled the image of football's governing body.

It was a stunning turnaround in 24 hours for Blatter, after he flatly denied Monday that the bribery case that led to the suspension of his only challenger for the presidency had caused even a hint of crisis within FIFA.

On Tuesday, two more top sponsors broke the decorum of business-as-usual to express their concern about the stains the scandals left on the sport—and by extension, their global investment in football.

And IOC President Jacques Rogge compared FIFA's situation to the cathartic Olympic corruption crisis a dozen years ago in the run-up to the 2002 Salt Lake City Winter Games, urging football to force through the same kind of fundamental reforms which saved it from collapse.

"I am sure that FIFA also can emerge stronger," Rogge told the 208 delegations at the FIFA Congress, who will have little option but to confirm the 75-year-old Swiss for a last term on Wednesday.

England launched a lone quest to postpone the election but found little interest beyond Scotland—nowhere near the groundswell of more than 150 delegations needed to push through a motion.

"One is entitled to a minority view, even a singular view," said David Bernstein, the chairman of the English FA.

It should bring little relief to Blatter, who came to realize Tuesday he faces a myriad of problems.

"I thought we were in a world of fair play, respect and discipline and unfortunately I have to see it no longer is the case," Blatter said. "There is danger."

The Congress set off with a lavish ceremony for the delegates who gathered from around the globe, with a glitzy upbeat show headlined by a scantily dressed Grace Jones belying the deep problems FIFA is facing.

"I thought this was a party," Jones shouted when she failed to get everyone to their feet with such classics as "Pull up to the Bumper" and "Slave to the Rhythm."

Even though they were still in Zurich, Bin Hammam and FIFA vice president Jack Warner were notable for their absence at the festivities, suspended from all football activities until the conclusion of a probe into allegations that Caribbean football leaders were paid \$40,000 each to back Bin Hammam's presidential bid.



33 over the remainder of the game, as Miami's defense found another gear.

"That's kind of the way we've been winning games, of late," Wade said. "You've got stay with it. You can't get frustrated because the ball's not going in. There's other ways you can dominate the game and we was able to do that tonight. I thought we did a great job in the second half of rebounding the ball, limiting them to one shot as much as possible."

Take away the 2006 NBA finals, and Dallas came into Game 1 having beaten Miami 14 straight times. The only team that has lost to any team more times consecutively is Minnesota, which finished with the NBA's worst record this season. The Timberwolves have lost 16 straight to San Antonio and Portland, and

Federer to face unbeaten Djokovic in semis



PARIS (AP)—Quickly and rather quietly, Roger Federer is back in the French Open semifinals.

There will be absolutely nothing low-key—or, it seems safe to say, easy—about what comes next for the 16-time Grand Slam champion: a showdown against Novak Djokovic, who is 41-0 this year and unbeaten in his last 43 matches overall.

With attention focused elsewhere, perhaps in part because some assume his best days are behind him, the no-fuss, no-muss Federer simply has won all 15 sets he's played so far, capped Tuesday by a 6-4, 6-3, 7-6 (3) quarterfinal victory over No. 9-seeded Gael Monfils of France.

"For me, the plan is trying to get a step further and into the finals of the French Open," said Federer, who won the 2009 title at Roland Garros to complete a career Grand Slam but lost in the quarterfinals a year ago. "At the end of the day, that's, for me, the big picture, and that's why I entered the French Open. It wasn't to stop Novak."

Nevertheless, their semifinal is sure to be the talk of the tennis world until it's played Friday.

For Djokovic—who didn't need to exert himself Tuesday, because his quarterfinal opponent, Fabio Fognini, withdrew Monday with an injured left leg—a victory over Federer would guarantee a rise to No. 1 in the rankings for the first time. It also would make the second-seeded Serb 42-0 in 2011, tying John McEnroe in 1984 for the best start to a season in the



Roger Federer of Switzerland returns against Gael Monfils of France in the quarter final match of the French Open tennis tournament in Roland Garros stadium in Paris, Tuesday May 31, 2011. AP

Open era, which began in 1968. And it would put Djokovic one win from his first French Open title, the objective he cares most about at the moment.

For Federer, a victory would put him into his first Grand Slam final in more than 16 months, his longest drought since he won his first major title at Wimbledon in 2003. It would allow Federer to make clear to everyone that he's still at the top of the game as his 30th birthday approaches in August. Plus, it would serve as something of a rebuke to Djokovic, who beat Federer in the semifinals at the U.S. Open in September and Australian Open in January.

"There's less at stake for me than for him," said Federer, who is 13-9 against Djokovic over their

careers but 0-3 this year. "He's got a lot of things going on."

Both men surely are well aware who the last player to defeat Djokovic anywhere was: Federer, a 6-4, 6-1 winner in the ATP Finals at London, way back on Nov. 27.

Against Monfils, Federer began poorly, bothered by swirling wind that reached 30 mph and delayed the match at one point because clouds of loose clay dust kicked up into the players' eyes. He pushed one easy forehand into the net and flubbed a gimme volley. He double-faulted twice in one game while getting broken at love en route to trailing 3-1.

"It was not just playing against Gael," Federer said. "It was playing against the conditions."

It didn't take long to figure things out, though. Federer broke Monfils to make it 3-all with a half-volley drop winner, then again to end the first set by smacking a return of a 128 mph serve so well that a startled Monfils missed a forehand.

Recalling that he beat Federer the last time they played, Monfils said, "I told myself, 'Why not?' But today he was stronger than me."

No one in this French Open has tested Federer, whose streak of 23 consecutive Grand Slam semifinals ended in Paris 12 months ago. That was followed by a quarterfinal exit at Wimbledon, too, hastening talk of Federer's demise.

After getting an up-close look at Federer, Monfils was urged to

predict the outcome of the Swiss star's next match.

"I don't know who's going to win. But as usual, Roger ... is still right there. He has still a lot of desire," Monfils said. "I'll be the first to watch that semi."

Federer has won only one title this season—six fewer than Djokovic—and is seeded No. 3 in Paris, the first time he hasn't been No. 1 or 2 at a Grand Slam tournament since 2004. Instead, five-time French Open champion Rafael Nadal, who faces two-time runner-up and fifth-seeded Robin Soderling in the quarterfinals Wednesday, is seeded No. 1, and Djokovic is No. 2.

Wednesday's other men's quarterfinal is No. 4 Andy Murray against unseeded Juan Ignacio Chela of Argentina. Playing with a torn tendon in his right ankle, Murray won the last five games to finish off a 4-6, 4-6, 6-3, 6-2, 7-5 comeback victory over No. 15 Viktor Troicki of Serbia in a fourth-round match suspended Monday night because of darkness.

"I've done a lot icing. Taking a lot pills," said Murray, who's won eight of his last nine five-set matches. "I was given crutches, which I didn't use, because I didn't know how to."

There was an odd scene at 3-2 in the fifth set, when a ball boy—apparently believing there was a break in action—ran on the court during a point, while Troicki was lining up an overhead smash. Troicki hit the winner, but the chair umpire ordered the point replayed.

"Kid just jumped in and messed up my point," Troicki said afterward, noting that he'd

never seen that happen before, in person or on TV.

Murray won the do-over, but Troicki actually broke serve to take the game. Eventually, Murray took the match, making this French Open the first Grand Slam tournament since Wimbledon in 1989 with the top five seeded men all in the quarterfinals.

That sort of orderliness has been completely absent from the women's draw, where none of the top three reached the quarterfinals. But both of Tuesday's matches were won by the higher-seeded woman.

No. 5 Francesca Schiavone of Italy, the defending champion, came back after losing 10 of the first 12 games and beat No. 14 Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova of Russia 1-6, 7-5, 7-5. On Thursday, Schiavone will meet No. 11 Marion Bartoli of France, who defeated No. 13 Svetlana Kuznetsova of Russia, the 2009 champion, 7-6 (4), 6-4.

Bartoli bounces on the balls of her feet and takes practice swings between points, then hits most shots with two hands wrapped around her racket. It all looks a tad unconventional, but it works: She was the 2007 Wimbledon runner-up and now is only the fourth woman from France to reach the semifinals at Roland Garros in the Open era.

Bartoli lost in the first or second round in eight of her previous 10 French Opens. So when Kuznetsova shanked a forehand to end their match, Bartoli said she thought: "My God, I'm in the semifinal of my home Grand Slam. Finally, I can play well here."



TORONTO (AP)—Mitch Talbot won for the first time since returning from an elbow injury, pitching the American League-leading Cleveland Indians to a 6-3 win over the Toronto Blue Jays on Tuesday.

Talbot (2-1) missed more than three weeks with a sore elbow. He allowed one run in 6 2-3 innings.

Rays 5, Rangers 4

In St. Petersburg, Evan Longoria hit a go-ahead two-run homer in the eighth inning to lift Tampa Bay over Texas.

The Rays trailed by a run before Longoria connected against Arthur Rhodes (3-3) with two outs. The homer came after Johnny Damon reached base on a bloop single that deflected off the shortstop's glove.

Yankees 10, Athletics 3

In Oakland, New York beat Oakland for the ninth straight time.

Curtis Granderson homered and drove in four runs and Derek Jeter had two hits to reach 2,983 for his career.

White Sox 10, Red Sox 7

In Boston, Chicago notched its sixth straight win at Boston—its longest winning run at Fenway Park since 1958-59.

Alexei Ramirez tied his career high with four hits.

Royals 7, Angels 3

In Kansas City, Jeff Francis pitched seven strong in-

Talbot leads Indians over Blue Jays

nings to guide Kansas City past Los Angeles.

Francis (2-5) threw 35 pitches in the first inning and allowed four hits before settling down and making it through seven, throwing a season-high 114 pitches.

Mariners 3, Orioles 2

In Seattle, Justin Smoak hit a three-run homer with two outs in the eighth inning, lifting Seattle to a stunning victory over Baltimore.

The Mariners did nothing against Orioles starter Jeremy Guthrie (2-7) for seven innings and did just enough to keep the eighth alive, using an error by the pitcher and Brendan Ryan's two-out single to bring up Smoak. The first baseman responded with his eighth homer of the season.

Tigers 8, Twins 7

In Detroit, Brennan Boesch broke an eighth-inning tie with a sacrifice fly, leading Detroit to victory over Minnesota.

After Danny Worth led off the bottom of the eighth with a single, Austin Jackson tried to bunt him to second. Twins reliever Phil Dumrait (0-1) threw late and wildly to second. Casper Wells then bunted the runners to second and third before Boesch hit the winning fly ball to right.

Cardinals 4, Giants 3

In St. Louis, Skip Schumaker's infield RBI hit capped a three-run eighth inning that lifted the St. Louis Cardinals to a win over the San Francisco Giants.

Albert Pujols and Allen Craig hit RBI doubles in the eighth before Schumaker, who had been in a 2-for-19 slump, got the go-ahead single against Javier Lopez (2-1) on a perfectly placed grounder between the first and second basemen. Schumaker's headfirst dive into the bag just beat the throw.

Marlins 5, Diamondbacks 2

In Phoenix, Florida put an end to Arizona's seven-game winning streak.

Marlins starter Anibal Sanchez (5-1) struck out eight batters in as many innings to win his fifth straight decision, and also drove in two runs with the bat.

Brewers 7, Reds 2

In Cincinnati, Milwaukee got an overdue win at Cincinnati.

An ailing Corey Hart homered and drove in four runs for the Brewers, who had lost six straight at the Reds.

Hart missed two games over the weekend with a stomach illness. He hit a three-run homer off Chad Reineke (0-1), who made his first big league appearance in two years. Hart later singled home a run.

Nationals 10, Phillies 2

In Washington, Danny Espinosa hit a pair of homers and drove in four runs to lead Washington over Philadelphia.

Espinosa hit a three-run shot to cap the Nation-

als' five-run third inning, and added another solo blast in the sixth, his 10th of the season. It was the second multihomer game of his career.

Padres 5, Braves 4

In Atlanta, San Diego won a fourth straight game for the first time this season, edging Atlanta.

Ryan Ludwick had an RBI single in the Padres' three-run seventh. He went 4 for 5 and has raised his batting average 77 points in three weeks.

Dodgers 8, Rockies 2

In Los Angeles, Matt Kemp homered and drove in four runs while Casey Blake added a three-run shot as Los Angeles defeated Colorado.

The Dodgers clinched consecutive series wins for just the second time this season while tying their longest winning streak at three games.

Pirates 5, Mets 1

In New York, Neil Walker hit a two-run single in the eighth inning as Pittsburgh rallied past New York.

Josh Harrison stroked a tying single with two outs in the eighth to cap a successful major league debut.

Astros 7, Cubs 3

In Chicago, closer Carlos Marmol blew his third save of the season, allowing six runs in the ninth inning as Houston overran Chicago.

Matt Downs' two-run double tied the game and Michael Bourn singled in the go-ahead run off Marmol (1-2). Hunter Pence added a three-run shot for the Astros.

Kaipat tops batting; Flores has lowest ERA

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Tan Holdings Brewers' Byron Kaipat and St. Michael's

Angels' Franco Flores finished the 2011 Saipan Major League season as the batting and pitching champions, respectively.

Kaipat belted 19 hits in 39 at bats for a league-best 0.487 batting average, while Flores

allowed just four earned runs—out of a total of 18—in 42 innings pitched for a 0.86 earned run average on the mound.

Last year's batting champ, Angels' Jesus Iguel came in a close second with 17 hits in 38 at bats for a 0.447 average with Sen. Crisostomo D-9ers' Chris Camacho (18-for-43, 0.419), Shell Fielders' Ryan Ada (12-for-38, 0.316), Shane Mendiola (11-for-39, 0.282), Brewers' Manny Sablan (10-for-37, 0.270), Angels' Benwachi Taisacan (10-for-37, 0.270),

Masters' Justin Reyes (11-for-42, 0.262), Angels' Pat Alejuy (9-for-40, 0.225), and Fielders' Anthony Tenorio (9-for-40m 0.225) rounding out the Top 10.

Kaipat also drove in 12 RBIs and four doubles this season to top both categories.

Iguel and Mendiola bagged 10 RBIs apiece and Masters' Greg Camacho tallied nine.

Taisacan, Sablan, D-9ers' Eric Tenorio, Brewers' Mike Pangelinan, and Angels' Peter Tomokane all busted three doubles apiece.

Iguel crossed the plate 20 times this season to top the category ahead of Fielders' John Reyes and Angels' Tyrone Omar; both runner-ups accrued 14 runs in 2011.

Greg Camacho smashed two homers to lead the league ahead of one-timers Kaipat, Fielders' Juan Maratita, and D-9ers' Joe Palacios, while Masters' Jess Mesa's two triples led the category ahead of one-timers John Reyes, Fielders' Eli Augenbaugh, IT&E Ol'Aces' Nunu Kapileo, and D9ers' Chris Camacho

stroke with a record-time of 46.53 seconds, downing teammate Lukas Kang (46.80 seconds), Tsunami Guam's Kane Aricayos (52.86 seconds) and Jimi Hendrix (54.18 seconds), and Saipan Swim Club's Lenosuke Suzuki (56.23 seconds) and Taiga Sato (1:02.72).

The 7-year-old Yanai also had the fastest time in the 50m backstroke (37.96 seconds), 50m butterfly (39.10 seconds), 500m freestyle (36.59 seconds), and 100m freestyle (1:17.64 seconds). His runner-up finishes came from the 200m individual medley (3:16.80), 200m freestyle (2:51.62), and 50m backstroke (45.88 seconds).

Tsunami Saipan had a 1-2 finish in the boys U8 age group, as Kang placed runner-up to Ryuto Yanai.

The 8-year-old Kang topped two events, finished second in three races, and third in two more swims. He won the 50m back-

stroke (42.86 seconds) and 200m IM (3:13.65), was runner-up in the 50m breaststroke (46.80 seconds), 50m butterfly (40.11 seconds), and 50m freestyle (37.42 seconds), and took third place in the 200m freestyle (3:01.80) and 100m freestyle (1:22.29). Kang competed in the 200m medley relay too, teaming up with Yuuki Nishida, Ryosei Toda, and Hiroto Yanai and they completed the race in 2:51.26.

Also finishing second in their respective age groups were siblings Hiroto and Kaito Yanai.

Hiroto participated in the boys 9 to 10 age group and ruled the 200m freestyle (2:46.35), besting Daraven Perez (2:52.59), and Santiago (2:53.06) and Tanner Poppe (2:58.85). He also dominated the 200m IM with his time of 3:19.07 and placed second in the 50m breaststroke (45.05 seconds), 50m backstroke (40.74 seconds), 50m butterfly (39.90 seconds), 100m

freestyle (1:16.27), and 50m freestyle (34.37 seconds).

Kaito was entered in the boys 11 to 12 age group and topped the 50m breaststroke (39.23 seconds), defeating Tarakito's Diego Shimizu (43.81 seconds), MSC's Tommy Imazu (43.85 seconds), and Manukai's Jonah Jones (44.95 seconds).

The 11-year-old's other first place finishes came from the 100m butterfly where he clocked in at 1:17.57, the 100m breaststroke (1:23.41), 200m IM (2:42.55 seconds new personal best), and the 50m backstroke (37.96 seconds). He then finished second in the 50m butterfly (34.30 seconds) and 50m freestyle (32.29 seconds).

The list of high-point winners in the boys 9 to 10 and 11 to 12 age groups was not provided in the results. Tsunami Saipan received from organizers at press time.

The match was back to square one at the end of the third, 53-all, before Joeten gained momentum behind Sacramento's four straight points at the start of the fourth and another back-to-back baskets midway. Amor Casabuena, Mike Umali, James Sablan, and Christian Devero also made it to the scoreboard in the fourth canto, allowing Joeten to win the closely fought match in the end.

Devero finished with 12 points, while Shane Metran paced NVM with 18, but was held to only four points in the fourth quarter. Ian Benavente and Jesse Mina also finished in double figures for NVM with 16 and 12, respectively.

In the second game, Rodney Sacramento had an explosive debut for Joeten Super Stores, as he sizzled for 27 points.

First Game
Wings Travel 77 – Pangelinan 22, Morales 20, Yalung 11, Delos Santos 8, Reyes 6, Saturno 6, Pablo 2, Serrano 1.

Aldrin 57 – Isip 15, Griffin 15, Laniyo 14, Bernardo 4, Santos 4, Ichihara 4.

Scoring by quarters: 18-7, 42-24, 64-43, 77-57.

Second Game
Joeten Super Stores 78 – Sacramento 27, Devero 12, Fernandez 9, Umali 8, Camacho 6, Sablan 3, Tangkoy 2.

NVM 68 – Metran 18, Benavente 16, Je. Mina 14, Montano 9, Johanes 6, Tengco 2, J. Mina 2.

Scoring by quarters: 16-16, 35-36, 53-53, 78-68.

D-9ers' Mel Sakisat, meanwhile, finished runner-up in pitching, allowing four earned runs out of 22 in 37 and a third innings pitched for a 0.96 ERA.

Meanwhile, the second-ranked Fielders (8-2) took on third-seeded Brewers (4-6) last night and details of that game will be released soon.

Game 2 of the best-of-three series between the Angels and D-9ers continues tonight at 6:30pm at the Tan Ko Field.

The Fielders-Brewers series continues on Thursday and the best-of-five championship series will commence after the finalists are determined.

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and fourth-seed D-9ers' (4-6). However, the game resulted in a forfeit as D-9ers did not muster enough players to compete.

He came out ahead of Fielders' Elton Santos (1.42 ERA), Brewers' Vince Cepeda (1.54), Masters' Ed Santos (2.67), and IT&E's Jacob Babauta (3.55).

Elton Santos won the strike-out king honors with 72 on the year; he beat Babauta (68) and Cepeda (61).

The SML playoffs started Monday night at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield between top-ranked Angels (8-2)

the third place consolation game at 5:30pm.

The regular season started back on April 8 and concluded last Friday.

Notably, Mount Carmel School (3-5) finished the regular season in second place, but pulled out of the tournament, thus KHS went up in the rankings. MCS was the only other team with a positive goals-for, goals-against ratio. They scored 28 goals and gave up 22 on the year.

MCS' school year has already ended and some of their players will be off-island during the playoffs.

The postseason was supposed to conclude with a double-elimination tournament, however organizers opted for a playoff format since only four teams signed up.

MISO organizers plan on adjusting game dates to accommodate the issue next season.



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with a non-traditional scoring system where par per-hole was set at double the standard.

MISO hopes to expand the program next year and attract more participants.

All schools, public and private, are welcome to join next season.

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this generous tournament."

The registration fee of \$120 includes green fee and the awards banquet. For an additional \$20, players may also compete for nearest to the pin, most accurate drive, and longest drive. The tournament will start at 7am.

Registration forms are available Coral Ocean Point, Laolao Bay Golf Resort, Fiesta Resort & Spa, Hyatt Regency Saipan, and Marianas Country Club.

The tournament features six categories: Championship Flight, A Flight, B Flight, C Flight, Seniors (55 years-and-over), and Ladies. Players in the Champion-

ship Flight must have 0-5 handicaps, while those in A Flight are 6-10 handicappers. The B Flight is for players with 11-17 handicap, while C Flight are for players with handicap above 18.

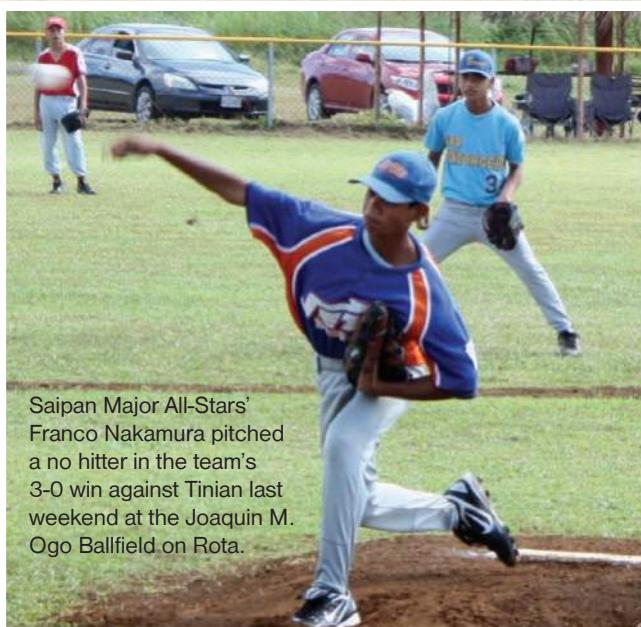
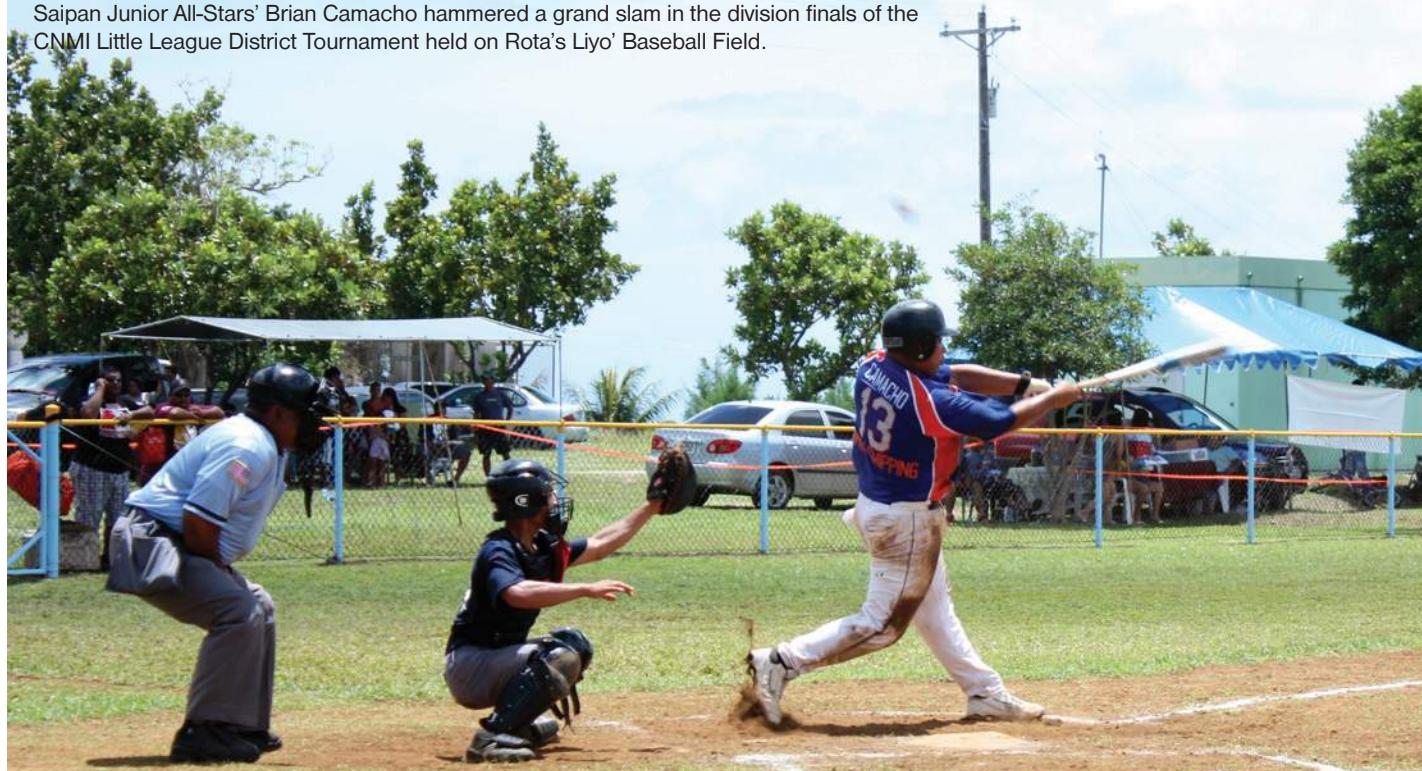
First place winners of all flights will receive \$500, a trophy, and a night's stay at a HANMI-member hotel. Second place finishers will receive \$300 and a trophy and third place winners will receive \$200 and a trophy. Winners (champion, first runner-up and second runner-up) for the female golfers will be determined using the Double Peoria handicap system. The awards banquet will be held at Saipan Grand Hotel's Seaside Hall at 6pm on tournament day.

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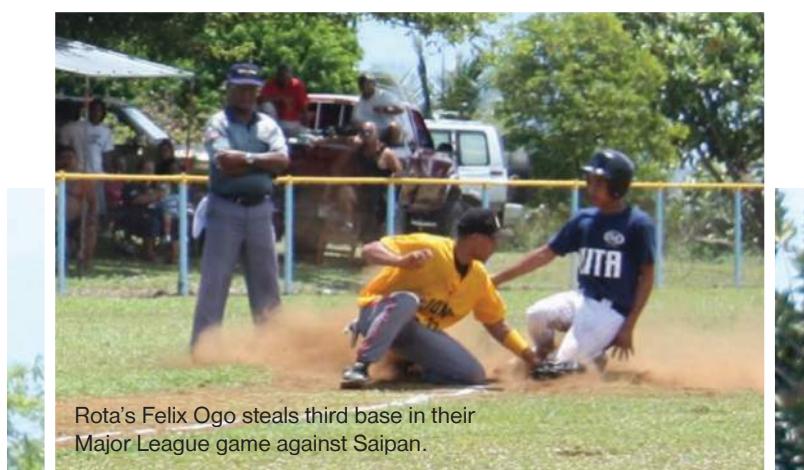
2011 CNMI Little League District Tournament

Saipan Junior All-Stars' Brian Camacho hammered a grand slam in the division finals of the CNMI Little League District Tournament held on Rota's Liyo' Baseball Field.

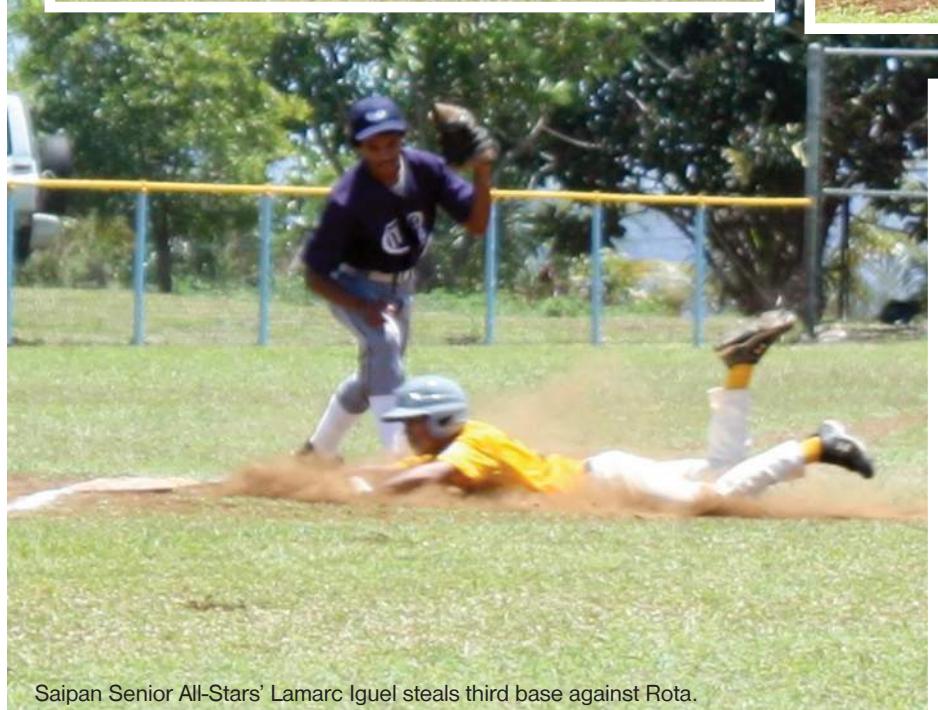
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Saipan's Rokie Tenorio smashed two triples and a double in the team's 3-0 against Tinian.



Rota's Felix Ogo steals third base in their Major League game against Saipan.



Saipan Senior All-Stars' Lamarc Iguel steals third base against Rota.



Rota pitcher Noah Quitugua fires over to first base in their Major League game against Saipan.





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Angel Marie Tan, seen here racing in a local meet last month, won the high-point award in the girls 11 to 12 division of the 2011 Guam Championships held over the weekend at the Hagatna Pool.

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Yanai, Tan win in Guam tourney

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Tsunami Saipan Swimming Center's Angel Marie Tan and Ryuto Yanai finished on top of their respective age groups and were named high-point winners in the 2011 Guam Championships held over the weekend at the Hagatna Pool.

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Tan competed in seven events in the girls 11 to 12 age group and recorded three first place and two runner-up finishes. She topped the 50m breaststroke race with a time of 40.89 seconds, beating Manukai's Danielle Atoigue (46.50 seconds) and Tsunami Guam's Sanda Gugin (46.55 seconds). Tan also ruled the 50m butterfly (34.95 seconds) and 100m breaststroke

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Manta Rays dominate MISO golf



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Saipan Southern High School freshmen Suk Joo Park Yoon and Jae Chung finished as the top boys and girls players of the recently concluded 2011 Marianas Interscholastic Sports Organization golf season.

The two students were issued medals for their achievements during the awards presentation held after the final round of competition on May 24 at the Laolao Bay Golf Resort.

SSHS also finished atop the boy and girls team standings and were presented with team trophies.

The boys team is made up of Park, Marvin Lee, Doo Yung Lee, Andrew Kim, and Albert Lee.

The girls team, meanwhile, includes Chung, Da Young Han, Danah Apelo, Ciuss Mostales, Shanna Mendoza, and Chae Won Hwang. Both the teams were made up of freshmen and sophomores. The SSHS golf team was coached by Dan Wollak.

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Cash, car, travel, and more at HANMI golf

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The hole-in-one prizes at the 10th Annual HANMI Charity Golf Classic Tournament this Saturday have gotten a "hole" lot more attractive with cash, a car, and travel up for grabs.

The tournament will offer: \$25,000 from First Hawaiian Bank on hole No. 3; \$10,000 from Shell Marianas and a Mazda 2 from Triple J Motors on hole No. 12; \$10,000 from AON insurance, \$10,000 from Shell Marianas, and \$5,000 from Traders Insurance on hole No. 14; and a round-trip ticket on Delta Air Lines and \$500 from Duty Free Shoppers on hole No. 7.

The first 144 paid registrants will be welcomed to Coral Ocean Point Resort for the tournament. Proceeds will go toward the Mt. Tapochao Development Project being spearheaded by HANMI.

"The HANMI Charity Golf Classic Tournament is a win-win situation," said tournament chair Das Krishnan. "We have tantalizing prizes on the course, an attractive list of in-kind donations for the awards banquet raffle, and a worthy project at Mt. Tapochao that will benefit both visitors and residents, alike. We encourage all golfers not to miss

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ROSELYN B. MONROYO
Wings Travel's Dennis Morales, right, runs into the defense of an Aldrin player during the third quarter of the opening game in the Blue Haus caging Tuesday night at the Gualo Rai Basketball Court.

Wings Travel, Joeten Super Store prevail

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Wings Travel and Joeten Super Store had winning debuts in the 2011 Blue Haus Invitational Basketball League that kicked off Tuesday night at the Gualo Rai Basketball Court.

Wings Travel played in the first game and whipped Aldrin, 77-57, while Joeten Super Stores nailed a 78-68 victory against NVM in

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